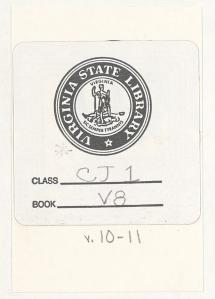
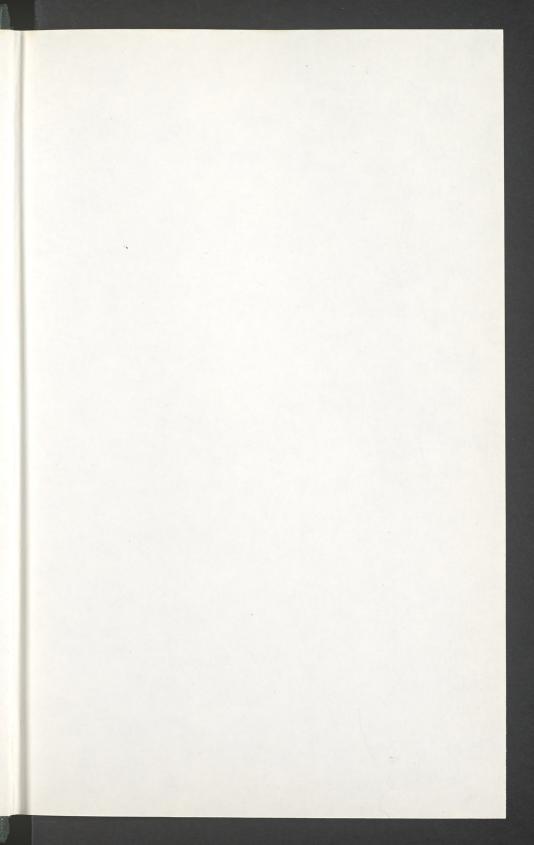
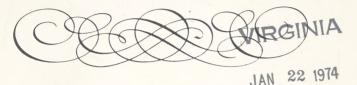
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



First of all - our best wishes for a Happy New Year to all, may this year be the best one ever.

Last year was an interesting one for numismatics and this one seems to be starting out in the same vein. We saw the hobby protection bill passed by the Congress and signed into law by the President; gold reach a new high; the start of the contest for designs for the reverses of several

coins for the year 1976 and the election of Lady Presidents to both the ANA and the CNA.

This year we ask that all of us get involved, take action: to widen interest in our hobby, to get new members, to educate present and new members, to participate in the 50th National Coin Week observance.

One way to participate is to attend and work with the local club in your area: help with the programs, find new members, look at new interests, help the young members to learn about the hobby and be sure that your club belongs to VNA.

Another way is to help with VNA - give it the advantage of your experience and your efforts - this helps the whole State.

Last but not least is to promote and participate in this years 50th National Coin Week: club programs, newspaper items, radio and television programs, displays, talks to civic and church groups - all of these are effective, but only if someone does them.

Remember the commercial jingle? TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS

Sponsor	Location	Date
Commonwealth Coin Show	John Marshall Hotel Richmond	January 18 - 20
Tidewater Coin Club	Mariner Resort Inn Virginia Beach	March 23 - 24
Southside Num Assn	Downtown Holiday Inn Petersburg	May 5
Shenandoah Num Society	George Washington Hotel, Winchester	May 25 - 26

1973 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS - CONTINUED

CONVENTION SPEAKER

VNA was honored to have as our guest speaker for the Banquet the Director of the American Numismatic Association's Certification Service - Mr. Charles Hoskins, of Washington, D.C.

He gave us a most interesting and informative talk on the history and development of ANACS, its present status and hopes for the future and how it can help all of us in the hobby. With the continuing increase in the selling price of good coins, the problem of fakes becomes more important all the time.

Mr. Hoskins also attended The Rag Pickers get together after the banquet.

We hope that you enjoyed the photographic report of the 1973 Convention in our last issue.

Those of us that were there thought that it was one of the best ones we had attended. Our thanks again to all who contributed so much time and effort to it.

Make your plans to be with us next September for the 1974 Convention.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK 1924 - 1974

National Coin Week is celebrating half a century of accomplishments in 1974, April 20 through 27. Many thousands of collectors first heard of our hobby through the publicity generated by N C W.

This year it is hoped that a Presidential Proclamation will be declared calling on all Americans to observe this outstanding event. A bill for this has been introduced in the House of Representatives. Write and ask that this be passed and sent to the President.

A slogan is needed for this numismatically historical occasion, and a contest is being held now with the winning theme to be announced on February 15th. All are urged to send in their suggestions to: N C W Slogan, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901

The winner will be designated "Honorary National Coin Week Chairman" and will receive a plaque as well. The 11-member NCW Committee will do the preliminary judging and then the ANA Publications Committee will make the final decision.

Remember, anyone can enter, but send your suggestion in soon, as the winner is to be announced on February 15.

CNA NEWS

Our congratulations also go to Mrs. Louise Graham on her election to the Presidency of the Canadian Numismatic Association. This year both of the national coin collector organizations of North America have Lady Presidents. Best of luck to both of them!

ANA NEWS

According to all reports, the 82nd Convention of the ANA in Boston broke records for just about every phase of the show. Our congratulations to Mrs. Virginia Culver for being elected the first Lady President. Several new slide programs are available for use by member clubs. Many interesting pieces of coins and currency have been donated to the museum. The Young Numismatist Correspondence Course is being distributed to interested students. The 50th National Coin Week will be in April of this year.

MINT BUREAU NEWS

With the assistance of the California State Numismatic Association and a number of other interested groups, a varied collection of rare and historical materials have been assembled and are on display in the newly opened Old Mint Museum. Located at 88 Fifth Street, San Francisco, California, this would be a must for any collector visiting the west coast area. Hours are from 10 AM to 4 PM, Tuesdays through Sundays and admission is free.

HOBBY PROTECTION ACT SIGNED

The Hobby Protection Act was signed into law on November 30, 1973 after months of uncertainty. The law requires that "reproductions and imitations of coins and political items be marked as copies or with the date of manufacture." Paper money and commemorative medals are included in the act. The law also includes political buttons and advertising materials sought by collectors. The new law comes under the jurisdiction of the Federal Trade Commission. It remains to be seen how effective the new law will be, since the Commission has been criticized in the past for slow action in unfair business practice suits. Quite a few VNA members have been active in behalf of passage of this bill, and are to be commended for their work.

LET'S INCREASE VNA MEMBERSHIP

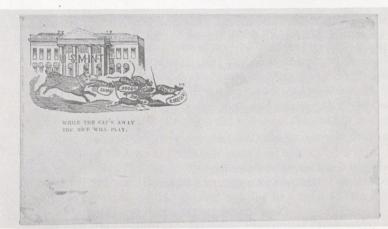
In an effort to try a new approach to increase the VNA membership, we have asked Cdr. Louis E. Doucet, of Petersburg, to head up a group. We have also requested each elected officer and board member to work with him, and request all of the rest of the members to help, too. In addition, two of our members have kindly agreed to each donate a nice coin for the two persons who get the most members this year. For the first prize, at least 20 new members would be required, and 10 would be necessary for the second prize. It is not our intention to strive for mere numbers, but the more people we have working at the state and local levels the better work can be done to advance our hobby. If each member will get only one new member, it would replace more than the number that move away or drop out from time to time. Please help make VNA able to reach more people and be more effective . . thanks.

COMPREDERATE COIMS

by Everett K. Cooper

The government of the Confederate States of America issued over one and half billion dollars in paper money but never issued a coin.

However, the numismatic history of the Lost Cause is profuse with the efforts to produce coins either officially or otherwise. The early fracturing of the states saw an immediate seizure by the Southern states of arsenals and fortifications within their borders but a reluctance to move against other institutions of the Federal government including mints at New Orleans, Charlotte, and Dahlonega. The largest mint, New Orleans, continued producing coins during this emotional period but on February 1, 1861 it too was



Civil War "Patriotic Envelope" with cartoon satirizing the Confederate seizure of the U. S. Mints.

seized by the state of Louisiana. Some sabotage by mint workers was conducted but the machinery, supplies, bullion and dies were in the main intact. Production of silver half dollars and gold twenty dollar coins continued under the authority of the state of Louisiana. On March 9, 1861 President Jefferson Davis signed a resolution to continue work at the New Orleans and Dahlonega, Georgia mints under the authority of the Confederate government. Their production was in United States coins from metal and dies on hand when seized. On May 14, 1861 President Davis signed legislation introduced by Secretary of the Treasury Memminger to terminate the operation of the two mints.



Quantities produced by the various authorities controlled the Southern mints in 1861:

New Orleans Mint - 1861	"O" Half Dollar
Coined by the United States	330,000 pieces
Coined by Louisiana	1,240,000 pieces
Coined by Confederate States	962,633 pieces

New Orleans Mint - 1861 "O" Twenty Dollar
Coined by United States 5,000 pieces
Coined by Louisiana 9,750 pieces
Coined by Confederate States 2,991 pieces

Charlotte Mint - 1861 "C" Five Dollar
Coined by United States 5,992 pieces
Coined by Confederate States 887 pieces

Dahlonega Mint - 1861 "D" Dollar (gold) Amount coined unknown - rare.

Dahlonega Mint - 1861 "D" Five Dollar Coined by U.S.A. & C.S.A 1,597 pieces

Minting of United States type coins by the Confederate States was only an expedient until the coin planchets were exhausted or the dies deteriorated. Distinguishing the coins produced by the Confederates from those under the Federal control is virtually impossible. A relatively few of the 1861 "O" half dollar are found with a die break from the coin's edge to the bridge of Liberty's nose which is identical with the die break on the trial Confederate half dollar. This, obviously, means those U.S. half dollars were positively Confederate mintage.

Efforts were made to develop their own distinctive coinage. In April 1861 William C. Elmore, Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, forwarded to Secretary of the Treasury C. G. Mimminger two designs for Confederate coins. The designs were the work of two New Orleans architects, Gallier and Esterbrook, and the National Bank Note Company of New York. This bank note firm was the same one who would produce the first Confederate paper money under arrangements made by Savannah banker G. B. Lamar, who probably was involved in arranging for National Bank Note Company artists to participate in the coin design. The designs were shelved and no trial pieces were ever made.

Dr. B. F. Taylor, Chief Coiner of the New Orleans Mint, working with engraver and die sinker A. H. M. Peterson evolved a design for a utilitarian coin, the half dollar. Utilizing the expediency of the obverse die of the U.S. half dollar (Liberty seated) with a Confederate reverse consisting of a shield, liberty cap, wreath of sugar cane and cotton, and the words CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA HALF DOL. The relief of the new reverse die was too high to allow use in a regular coining press so four trial pieces were struck in a hand-operated screw press. One was sent to President Jefferson Davis (and later taken by an anonymous thief from his luggage at Fort Monroe in 1865), one went to Professor Riddle of the University of Louisiana, the third to Dr. E. Ames of New Orleans, and the fourth was retained by Chief Coiner Dr. Taylor. Inflation and lack of bullion did not allow this coin or any other official coin to be produced in mass quantity. All Confederate held mints were ordered closed on June 1, 1861.

On September 25, 1862 the Confederate Senate passed a bill introduced by Senator T. J. Semmes (Louisiana) to authorize coinage of copper token money in denominations of 1c, 5c, 10c and 25c to a total of five million dollars. The bill died in the House of Representatives.

A Cincinnati, Ohio engraver and die sinker, Benjamin F. True, endeavored in the early days of secession to commercially produce a token of the type popular in the North but which would be sold to Confederate merchants and circulated in the Confederacy. Several types were produced and delivered to Tennessee through neutral Kentucky. Only the military termination of the flow of such goods through the lines stopped this token from becoming common. The token commonly known as the "Wealth of the South" from it's obverse design was incorporated with another design intended to appeal to the patriot with the palmetto tree and the legend NO SUBMISSION TO THE NORTH. Four Tennessee merchants advertisement can be found on the reverse of some of these scarce tokens. The various combinations of designs and metals are listed below.



(Obv.) - THE WEALTH OF THE SOUTH/RICE TOBACCO SUGAR COTTON (Fuld 511)

- (Rev.) NO SUBMISSION TO THE NORTH (Fuld 514-515-516-517-518)
 Copper Bronze White Metal Silvered
- (Rev.) STOCKMAN & CO./159 MAIN ST. MEMPHIS Copper - Bronze
- (Rev.) ELLIOT, VINSON & CO./MEMPHIS Copper - Bronze
- (Rev.) COSSITT HILL & CO./MEMPHIS Copper - Bronze
- (Rev.) STEAMER/LANCASTER No. 4 Copper
- (Rev.) PRESIDENTS HOUSE Copper
- (Rev.) FOR PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN OF ILL Copper White Metal
- (Rev.) FOR PRESIDENT JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE OF KY. Copper
- (Rev.) FOR PRESIDENT JOHN BELL OF TENNESSEE Copper
- (Rev.) FOR PRESIDENT STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS OF ILL. Copper Bronze



(Obv.) - NO SUBMISSION TO THE NORTH

- (Rev.) STOCKMAN & CO./159 MAIN ST. MEMPHIS Copper - Bronze
- (Rev.) ELLIOT, VINSON & CO./MEMPHIS Copper
- (Rev.) COSSITT HILL & CO./MEMPHIS Copper
- (Rev.) STEAMER/LANCASTER No. 4
 Bronze
- (Rev.) OUR RIGHTS THE CONSTITUTION AND THE UNION Copper
- (Rev.) NO SUBMISSION TO THE NORTH Copper - Bronze
- (Rev.) EXCELSIOR/TOBACCO/WORKS/210 & 212/ELM ST. CIN. O/ESTABLISHED/1835
 Silvered
- (Rev.) Blank Copper - Bronze
- (Rev.) FOR PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN OF ILL Copper Bronze White Metal
- (Rev.) FOR PRESIDENT JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE OF KY.
 Copper

- (Rev.) FOR PRESIDENT JOHN BELL OF TENNESSEE Copper
- (Rev.) FOR PRESIDENT STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS OF ILL. Bronze

The benign attitude of Mr. True to both sides and all presidential candidates of 1860 is obvious with all of the combinations he produced. The multiplicity of metals used for the combination of The Wealth of the South with No Submission to the North would lead to a belief that he had great expectations for this possibility before flow of goods between the North and South was throttled.

Much of the story of Confederate numismatics awaited the end of armed conflict and the demise of the Richmond government before its story was unfolded. The existence of the Confederate half dollar trial design was not known to historians or numismatists until 1879. Dr. Taylor in that year sold his copy of the coin and the Confederate design die to a Philadelphia coin dealer. Dr. Taylor also had the obverse die of the 1861 U.S. half dollar used for the trial but it was quickly seized by the United States government.

Preparations were made to issue restrikes for collectors by Scott and Company of New York. As a precaution against premature failure of the Confederate die Scott struck five hundred pieces in aluminum. This restrike had the Confederate design as the obverse and on the reverse the legend 4 ORIGINALS STRUCK BY ORDER OF C.S.A. IN NEW ORLEANS 1861 REV. SAME AS U.S. (FROM ORIGINAL DIE: SCOTT). This was followed with five hundred restrikes in the harder silver metal. The silver restrikes were prepared by using genuine 1861 "O" half dollar with the original reverse machined away to make a planchet for the Scott restrike with the Confederate reverse. These restrikes can be distinguished from the original four pieces by numerous methods. Differences in weight, pitting caused by the Confederate die rusting with age, absence of die breaks which are on the originals. Today only two of the original four trial pieces are known to exist. The die used by Scott was defaced with a deep groove after making his restrikes.

The Civil War centennial period prompted another semi-reproduction for collectors. In 1962 the Aug. C. Frank Co. of Philadelphia prepared a copy die from one of the Scott restrikes. The reproduction has an obverse of the Confederate shield design with the following legend on the reverse CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA * HALF DOLLAR CENT */ ORIGINALS STRUCK 1861 * 5,000 SILVER 20,000 BRONZE 5,000 GOLDINE RESTRUCK 1962.

The denouement of another attempted Confederate coin did not come to light until 1874. This concerns another token maker, Robert Lovett of Philadelphia, and his endeavor to give the Confederacy a one cent coin. In 1861 Lovett received an order from the Philadelphia jewelry firm of Bailey & Company to design and make a die of a one cent coin for the Confederates. Lovett prepared his design and die with an obverse of the head of Liberty

with cap facing left and around the edge CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA 1861. The reverse shows 1 CENT in a wreath of cotton, sugar cane, tobacco, and a cotton bale along with the engraver's initial L. Lovett used a Liberty head previously used on his token work including an 1859 token for the Marshall House in Alexandria, Virginia. This establishment was destined for history when Colonel Ellsworth was killed in 1861 in an endeavor to remove a Confederate flag.

Lovett struck twelve coins in copper-nickel of this Confederate penny but immediately became fearful of potential arrest by the Federal government. This may have been at the time the U.S. Marshal seized the plates from National Bank Note Company as they were printing Confederate paper money. The twelve coins were hidden and unknown to the world until 1874 when they and the dies were brought to light and sold to J. W. Haseltine and J. C. Randall in Philadelphia. Restrikes from the dies were made, not in the same metal as the original, but the die broke and inadvertently limited the quantity. They did strike seven in gold, twelve in silver, and fifty-five in copper.



The 1961-65 Civil War centennial period prompted another reproduction for the collector and souvenir seeker. Using the mutilated dies a quantity was issued plus some that deleted the 1 CENT and substituted 1/100. The Lovett dies today are part of the numismatic collection of the Smithsonian and illustrated in the booklet "History of National Numismatic Collections Smithsonian 1968".

The existence of a Confederate half dime was reported in 1886 by a Mr. Ed Fossard. A hazy story exists that, as with the Confederate half dollar, there were only four specimens struck of the half dime. One was given to Secretary Memminger, one went to Dr. E. Ames and the remaining two were pierced and given to Winnie Davis, daughter of the President of the Confederacy, for jewelry use. A specimen was sold in the famous Jenks Collection sale in 1921 with the following catalog description, obverse A UNITED SOUTH 1861 with a Confederate flag, and the reverse a cotton plant encircled by 15 stars. A pierced specimen was recently sold in a sale conducted by the Rare Coin Company of America.

A dime similar in design and history is supposed to have been prepared along with the half dime but details and specimen are lacking.

A piece described as a "Beauregard Dime" is occasionally encountered. The piece is described of being the size of a dime and is struck in silver. The obverse is the head of General Beauregard, facing left, with the legend G. T. BEAUREGARD BRIG. GEN. C.S.A. and initials C. R. of the engraver. The reverse shows a wreath enclosing MANASSAS 21 JULY 1861. The piece is not a coin but a medalet ordered by the city of New Orleans and struck in Paris. A companion piece, frequently described as the "Davis Dime", is another dime-sized medalet to honor the Confederate President and apparently a product of the same Paris mint.

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VNA would like to thank Mr. Cooper for this article as well as the many others that he has contributed.

NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Alexandria Coin Club

The Club's annual coin show in the fall was successful, and the fall and winter programs are now under way.

Culpeper Numismatic Club

Programs for the fall and winter season are now under way, after the successful annual show and bourse in the fall.

Meherrin Valley Coin Club

The show in Boykins was well attended and both visitors and dealers were pleased. At the annual dinner meeting in December at Tommie's Restaurant, Bill Early was installed as President for 1974, with George Scott as Vice-Pres. and W. Delbroe Johnson as Sec.-Treas. These folks always have a good time at their monthly meeting at McCoy's Barber Shop, in Boykins, on the Third Thursday of each month and visitors are always most welcome.

Rockingham Coin Club

President P.M. Carter reports that the 12th Annual Coin Show held at the Armory in Harrisonburg was a big success. The winter program is under way and they are looking forward to the 13th Show next September.

Salem Coin Club

Many Club members attended the VNA Annual Convention at Natural Bridge. The Club was saddened to hear of the death of Club and VNA member Arthur Murchison. Plans are under way for the dinner meeting and election of officers.

Shenandoah Valley Coin Club

Plans were under way for the annual dinner meeting and the winter programs for the Club meeting in Fishersville.

Virginia Peninsula Coin Club

Recent Club meetings have featured a film on the Carson City Dollars with a display of CC dollars, a talk on Love Tokens with examples of different types, a display of material on the Battle of Yorktown, and a full program put on entirely by the youth members of the Club. Plans are under way for the annual banquet and the installation of officers. Bronze medals struck to mark the naming of Hampton as an All-America City are on sale by the Club for \$2.08 plus mailing charges. The medal is depicted on the cover of this issue of The Virginia Numismatist.

Front Royal Coin Club

George Miller of Harrisonburg, a representative of the VNA, addressed the regular monthly meeting of the Front Royal Coin Club at the Virginia

Gentlemen Restaurant about the VNA and the benefits derived from belonging to it. Following his presentation, the local club voted to join. Elvin Miller, 2nd Vice-Pres of VNA, exhibited part of his collection of national bank notes at the meeting.

Tidewater Coin Club

The annual banquet and installation of officers is planned for March 22nd., and the Annual Coinarama will be held at the Mariner Resort Inn, Virginia Beach, on March 23 and 24th. Exhibits and bourse will be featured at the Show.

Washington Numismatic Society

Fall programs included: The Story of the Comstock Lode, by Brent Hughes; the Sculpting of a Medal, from the beginning to the finished product, by Lewis King; Yokon Gold, by Carl Hoke and election of officers. New officers are: President - A.A. Butland; 1st V-P - Sedgewick Moss; 2nd V-P - Diane Dietz; Sgt at Arms - Karl E. Hoke; Secretary - Mae Clark and Treasurer - Eldridge Jones..

MUSEUM NOTES

Washington, D.C.

Two displays recently opened in Washington will be of interest to many of our readers:

The Library of Congress has opened an exhibition, "An American Sampler: A Look at Life in the 1800's", in the Ground Floor galleries of the Main Building. A major show of some 270 items, the exhibit revisits the 19th-century American scene through a wide variety of materials from the Prints and Photographic Division and the Rare Book Room. Lithographic prints, posters, sheet music covers, photographs, tobacco labels, broadsides and advertisements depict Americans of the last century and the way they lived, worked and played in city, country and wilderness. The exhibit will be on view in the central corridors from now till March 31st.

The second, an exhibition commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine is on exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution. Portraits of 21 key figures, who were involved in the formulation of the Doctrine in the United States, Latin America and Europe, have been assembled from the Gallery's holdings as well as from collections as far away as London. The Exhibit has been installed in surroundings designed to suggest the period of the 1820's, and the portraits themselves are accompanied by a wide range of associative objects, from diaries and letters of the principal figures to Monroe's gold watch and spectacles, lent by the James Monroe Museum in Fredericksburg. Also on view from the National Archives

is the original Senate copy, signed by Monroe, of the State of the Union message of December 2, 1823, containing what has come to be known as the Monroe Doctrine, and a replica of the desk on which the document was written, borrowed from the White House. The exhibit will continue through May 26th, at the National Portrait Gallery, F Street at 8th., N.W.

BOOK REVIEW

The new 1974 Standard Catalog of World Coins, priced at \$12.50, available from most hobby shops or direct from the publisher: Krause Publications, Inc., Iola, Wisc., 54945 was released in November. Compiled under the direction of Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler, this complete one volume coin library chronicles the coinage histories of more than 270 nations, with coverage commencing in the mid-1800's. In addition to revising the existing listings, the authors added comprehensive new listings of gold issues and pre-1850's coins for many countries, as well as a fully revised and expanded listing of 20th century non-circulating legal tender coin issues of the world.

All listings in this work continue to be keyed to the various applicable standard catalog designations recognized and used by collectors throughout the world. This will be useful to both beginning collectors and those with specialized collecting pursuits.

VNA - EDUCATIONAL - PROGRAMS

VNA is still offering its educational programs consisting of beautiful color slides and accompanying taped narrative for use to its member clubs. There is no charge for the use of these programs and they will be shipped postpaid, your only obligation being to pay the return postage. Please order as far in advance as possible. Mail requests to: The Virginia Numismatic Association, P. O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23369.

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- 4. Hard Times Tokens
- 5. Highlights of the Early United States Half Dollar
- 6. The Story of Money in Virginia

These are professionally produced and narrated 35mm color slides with the standard audio tape on reels. They are not available in tape cassettes. Programs may be used for showing to church groups, youth organizations and other worthy and interested clubs. Please be sure to return them as soon as possible after using them.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Spring seems to be bursting out all over these past few days, and we hope that VNA members will be bursting out all over with ways to advance our hobby, in spite of the gasoline shortage.

Plans for National Coin Week are well underway here in Virginia, thanks to the efforts of our Chairman, George Miller. We ask that all of the members of VNA help make the 50th an-

niversary of National Coin Week a truly memorable one.

Our membership building group under the chairmanship of Louis Doucet, asks each VNA member to sign up one new member this year. How about a special effort while we are working on National Coin Week?

If you can't get gasoline to go away from home, how about attending and working with the local coin club in your area? Work up and present that program you promised yourself you would give when you had the time - and that exhibit that just needed a little more work on it to be ready to show - the boys you were going to help with the coin collecting merit badge - the article you were going to write for the Virginia Numismatist. Share your interests with the rest of us and see if it isn't a lot more fun!

George and Lou can't do all of the things we are trying to get done by themselves, they can only steer the efforts of all of us in certain directions. The combined total of all our contributions of time and work will get the job done.

Thanks and good luck.

Don

ANA NEWS

This year, in connection with the observance of the 50th anniversary of National Coin Week, the A N A has decided to have a drive for new members and will have awards for those members who bring in new ones during N C W month.

As of this writing, we do not have the theme that was to be selected for National Coin Week from suggestions sent in to Colorado Springs. We assume that the announcement will be made in the near future.

For the first time, the ANA is planning a post-convention tour in conjunction with its 83rd anniversary meeting at Miami Beach in August. Collectors staying after the close of the show will be able to cruise to the Bahamas on the S S Flavia. Sounds like fun.

NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Roanoke Valley Coin Club

Plans are being made for the Annual Coin and Antique Show to be held in the Roanoke Civic Center in Roanoke, August 2 - 4. For details write the Show Chairman, C.R. Coleman, P.O. Box 1888, Roanoke, Virginia 24008.

Monticello Coin Club

New officers sworn in for the coming year are: Pres. - John G. Hart, Vice Pres. - Charles E. Echols, Sec. Treas. - Fred C. Taylor. At the January meeting a VNA slide set was shown. The annual coin show will be held at the Mount Vernon Motel in Charlottesville on March 2 and 3. These folks always make guests welcome at their meetings and shows.

Salem Coin Club

The Christmas dinner was most successful. Officers for the new year have been installed and are planning the spring programs. It was voted at the January meeting not to have a spring show due to the uncertain gas situation. The program for the March meeting will be an auction with over 200 pieces to bid on. Meetings are held at the Salem Civic Center - visitors are always welcome.

Southside Virginia Numismatic Association

In January the Club found a new home in the Virginia Mutual Savings and Loan Association Building in Petersburg. Commencing in April, meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 PM. Educational programs will alternate with auction or trade nights. New officers are: Pres. - Lou Doucet, Vice Pres. - Danny Robinson, Sec. Treas. - Jake Holton, Asst. Sec. Treas. - Mike Crowson, Auctioneer - Nick Stolfi, Sr., Program Co-Chairman - Gerald Perry and Gregory Tucker. Charter member Larry Chavis continues on the board of directors, along with Gregory Tucker, Phil Whitticer, Mike Crowson and Lou Doucet. Plans for the Coin Show on May 5 are well along. The March meeting will feature a VNA slide program.

Virginia Peninsula Coin Club

A donated auction featured the January meeting, along with the election of officers for the coming year. Inducted at the annual dinner meeting in February at the Elks Club in Hampton were: Pres. - Charles Johnston, Vice Pres. - Gerard Chambers, Sec. Treas. - Tom Hix and Sgt-at-Arms - Joe Carter. Bernie Littlepage did his usual excellent job as master of ceremonies. Awards were presented for the exhibits, past president and outstanding member.

Shenandoah Valley Coin Club

Regular and coin show committees were appointed for the coming year. Plans are being firmed up for the coin show to be held at the Holiday Inn, downtown Staunton April 26 and 27.

Rockingham Coin Club

VNA slide programs are featured at the January and March meetings of the Club in Harrisonburg. Plans are being made for exhibits, talks and publicity for National Coin Week in April.

Washington Numismatic Society

Diane Dietz has taken over as bulletin editor from Ben Douglas, who has done such a good job for many years. Programs included talks on the history of the Club and a new Smithsonian program entitled "Coins as Documents of History". Mrs. Stefanelli was the commentator for this special full color slide presentation.

Tidewater Coin Club

A VNA slide program was shown at the February meeting. New officers to be inducted at the annual banquet March 22 are: Pres. - Mort Ronick, Vice Pres. - Jim Boyle, Treas. - Ted Maroulis and Sec. - Bill Jones. The coin show at the Mariner Resort Inn at Virginia Beach will be on March 23 and 24.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK 1924 - 1974

The 50th anniversary of National Coin Week will be held the week of April 10 to 27. Sponsored in the United States by the ANA, in Virginia the VNA will observe this week as National Coin Week in Virginia. At the request of NCW Chairman George Miller, Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., has endorsed the observance of National Coin Week in Virginia by VNA and its member clubs.

Let's all pitch in and make National Coin Week in Virginia a big success. We would like to get as much public exposure as possible. Some ideas for this are exhibits, posters, talks in meetings of various organizations, radio and television spots and newspaper articles in your local papers. How about asking the Mayor to declare the observance of NCW in your town?

As a climax to N C W in Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley Coin Club will have a coin show in Staunton on April 26 and 27 at the downtown Holiday Inn.

On the national level, the ANA is asking for a membership drive in NCW-how about trying that here, too? This will be a good time to increase our membership in both VNA and our local clubs. Let more people know about the fun we get from our hobby, and they can enjoy it with us. The more the merrier!

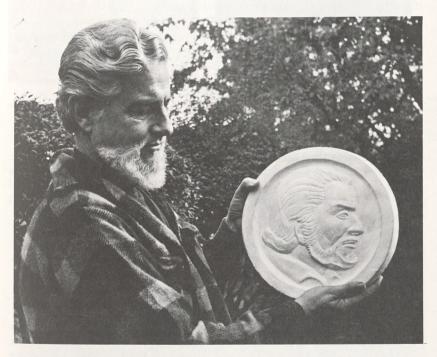
Please report your activities to both George Miller and to VNA. Have a good week.

NEWPORT NEWS CITY HALL TABLETS

By Alexander C. Brown

Two aluminum tablets with a medallic theme that have been installed in the new City Hall for the City of Newport News will be of interest to medal collectors.

These tablets were a project of the Newport News Historical Committee of which I am the chairman. The idea took shape in 1970 and accordingly Allan Jones Jr., well known Hampton artist, was commissioned to prepare bas-relief portraits in plaster of Capt. Christopher Newport and Robert Rich, the Earl of Warwick. Meanwhile I prepared and wrote the inscriptions which were to be an integral part of the tablets.



Allan D. Jones, Jr., Hampton Artist, with his plaster model of Christopher Newport Medallion.

These in due time were cast in aluminum by the Medallic Art Company of New York City. The finished tablets are 24 inches wide by 36 inches high and contain a medallion 12 inches in diameter. The photographs show both tablets, plus a view of Allan Jones exhibiting his plaster mold of Captain Newport.

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The Christopher Newport and the Earl of Warwick Tablets are a gift to the City of Newport News, Va. by the Newport News Historical Committee.

At the same time the Medallic Art Company undertook to manufacture for the Historical Committee 100 2½-inch medals in bronze of Captain Newport. These are for the use of the Mayor and City Council for special gifts and recognition and are not for sale. Reduced in size, they are identical to the 12 inch medallion.

The editor would like to thank Mr. Alex Brown for this article and wish him every success on his retirement from the Virginia Peninsula Newspapers.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING NEWS

Rag pickers interested in modern U S notes will be looking forward to another signature combination for their collection with the announcement of the resignation of Mrs. Romana Acosta Banuelos as Treasurer of the United States in February. She was appointed to the post in January, 1972, by President Nixon. Neither the Treasury Department or the White House gave any indication as to when a new Treasurer would be named.

Another victim of the oil shortage was brought to light when Mr. James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, announced the discontinuance of the Bureau's public information program involving local and regional participation in numismatic and philatelic exhibits and events.

LIGHT ARTILLERY TO THE FRONT! A CONFEDERATE NOTE VIGNETTE

Everett K. Cooper

"Whirling the Parrotts like children's toys, The Horses strain to the rushing noise; To right and to left, so fast and free, They carry the light artillery. 'Drive on!'"

Anonymous

The Ten Dollar note issued by the Confederate States of America on February 17, 1864 has a dual interest for the Confederate collector. In sheer number of notes released by the Richmond government this note was to be the most common coming from the Southern printing presses. Also, strangely, it was the only note issued during those four war ravaged years to show a war or military scene. The heavy use of pre-war bank note vignettes by the Confederate printers limited the opportunity to use current military scenes on the currency. Only the \$500 note issued by this same act with a vignette of the slain war hero "Stonewall" Jackson comes close to having a military related scene.



The subject ten dollar note vignette shows a horse drawn artillery piece moving into a battle action, drawn by two pairs of horses with a rider on

each pair, and three cannoneers riding the limber. This scene has been described by Confederate currency catalogers as:

Horses Pulling Cannon Criswell T-68
Field Artillery In Action Chase 405
Field Artillery In Action Bradbeer 540/557
Field Artillery Slabaugh 69
Field Artillery Going Into Action Fuller 60

Thus, the prominent catalogers and writers have not yet given a positive identification to this war scene and we here can only speculate as to the intent of Keatinge & Ball in preparing the note design. These speculative possibilities and their review follow.

- 1. Captain Bragg's Mexican War battery in action.
- 2. A specific Confederate battery or battle scene.
- 3. Copy of another Civil War print or engraving.
- 4. Imaginative war scene created by the lithograph artist.

Before examining these possibilities a close examination of the scene may show some interest basic facts. The fact that three cannoneers are riding the ammunition chest on the limber indicates that this gun is part of a light artillery battery and note a horse battery. Artillery support for the cavalry was provided by horse batteries and as such they traveled at a very brisk pace to keep up with the cavalry soldiers. Thus, every member of a horse battery rode a horse for he would never be able to maintain a seat on the limber at the speed which the gun was moved. Normally each cannon was drawn by three pairs of horses but this vignette has only two pairs. The latter stages of the Civil War found much attrition of horses in the Confederacy and teams of four instead of six were not uncommon though not the standard practice. Of course, artistic license to provide a composition balance for the scene could also have been the reason for the reduction. The harness detail is indicative that the artist had knowledge of his subject or a reliable source to copy. The large blunt breech end of the cannon gives the appearance of a Parrott gun and if so positively identifies it as a Civil War scene for this piece was not developed until 1860. The background of the scene is of a mountainous terrain and two other pieces are already in action against an unseen enemy.

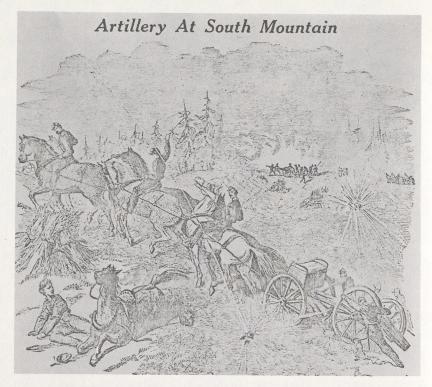
The first possibility of the vignette scene and the most popular with earlier writers was to attribute this as Captain Braxton Bragg's flying battery in the Mexican War battle of Buena Vista when General Zachary Taylor supposedly gave the dramatic command "A little more grape Captain Bragg". The United States Army in 1808 endeavored to gain Congressional acceptance of the use of six horse drawn field artillery pieces but the legislators failed to approve. In 1837 Captain Sam Ringgold was able to establish such

a horse drawn artillery. After the death of Ringgold the mantle fell to Captain Bragg who became the champion of such a military weapon and was able to demonstrate its use very successfully during the Mexican War. In fact, this weapon is credited with winning the battle at Buena Vista and both General Taylor and Captain Bragg were made heroes in the public press for the classic command calling for more grape shot. Though another witness relates the command as "Double shot your guns and give 'em hell". The question now is whether this popular Mexican War incident was the scene depicted on the ten dollar note. While Bragg achieved Mexican War fame he was far from a popular hero during the Civil War. In fact, his failure to realize the potential victory in his grasp at Chickamauga and the subsequent overt hostility of his subordinate generals caused Bragg to voluntarily resign from field command on December 3, 1863, just a little over two months prior to the passage of the act authorizing this note! While some will claim that Bragg was a "favorite" of President Davis there is nothing to indicate that Davis exercised any incluence in the design of any of the Confederate notes. If President Davis had used his influence in this area we feel sure that Vice-President Stephens would never have achieved a position on the \$20 notes. Also, the Mexican War command was given when all guns were in place and in full action and not advancing to position. As a conclusion, it seems doubtful that this currency scene was that of Mexican War vintage.

The second possibility is that an intent was made to honor a specific Confederate battery or perhaps a battle in which the artillery made an outstanding contribution. The history of the war is crowded with batteries and artillery units that brought glory to the Lost Cause but it is difficult without the specific knowledge to determine who or what was being honored. The mountainous terrain would be the best clue towards identifying it with a

particular battle but that still falls short of aiding our search.

The idea of finding a print or engraving that could have been directly copied by Keatinge & Ball is fascinating. Many Confederate vignettes have their antecedents as copies of pre-Civil War bank note vignettes or even the widely distributed Currier & Ives lithographs. While this, perhaps, is the strongest possibility in finding the source for our vignette such has not yet been discovered. However, if we give the lithographer some degree of artistic inspiration we can find at least one possibility. "Frank Leslie's Illustrated News" was one of the numerous Northern publications reporting the war news with the graphic aid of simple engravings rapidly produced from sketches submitted by the reporters and artists in the field. The Leslie story on the battle of South Mountain, Maryland in September 1862 was illustrated with a crude engraving that has some of the flavor of the Confederate note vignette. We could surmise that a copy of Leslie's filtered thru the lines and ultimately onto the desk of the lithograph artist to provide his inspiration. The battle was fought in a mountainous terrain but while the scene did represent a Federal artillery unit it was artistically non-partisan. This represents the closest approximation to the scene yet found to date.



The final possibility of pure artistic inspiration coupled, perhaps, with some direct personal military experience of the artist is a feasible speculation but considering the track record that none of the previous notes were that creative we must dismiss this possibility.

In conclusion, we can only believe that this popular scene was (1) not Captain Bragg in the Mexican War (2) it is of the Civil War era (3) until more positive source identification is made that it was copied from "Leslie's Illustrated News" of a scene at the battle of South Mountain.

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World Coin News will present a new, lively editorial package featuring up to date news and views from near and far. It is also designed to supplement and complement the Standard Catalog of World Coins, and as such features a detailed listing of new type and new date coins released since the second edition was issued. This will be a continuing feature.

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Shenandoah Valley Club	Holiday Inn, Staunton	April 26 - 27
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Shenandoah Numismatic Society	George Washington Hotel Winchester	May 25 - 26
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke	August 2 - 4
Virginia Numismatic Association	Sheraton Inn - Coliseum Hampton	Sept. 13-15

MINT BUREAU NEWS

Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, presented a set of a new series of medals being struck by the mint as a part of the American Revolution Bicentennial observance to Mrs. Richard Nixon at the White House in February. These are reduced in size copies of the medals awarded by Congress for actions in successful Revolutionary War battles. It is expected that the final medal will be issued in 1976. With the final medal will be given a copy of a reprint of the booklet entitled "Medals Commemorating Battles of the American Revolution" written by Vladimir and Elvira Clain-Stefanelli of the National Museum of History and Technology at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. (It will be of interest to VNA members to remember that the first edition of this book was printed by our own Frank Hannah in Hampton). Some commentators regret that the time and effort going into these medals was not used to issue a whole new set of coins for the year, 1976.

Meanwhile, back at the Mint in Philadelphia, the 1974 Annual Assay Commission, appointed by President Nixon, met on the 13th to count, weigh and assay a representative sample of the nation's coinage, following a tradition adopted by the United States in 1972.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Cast Coinage of Korea, by Edgar J. Mandel, 1972, Western Publishing Company or your coin shop, \$7.50.

Six years of research have been spent in the preparation of this book, which for the first time provides the collector with a complete catalog of Korean coins, their historical background, dates and places of issue and relative values, as well as the romanization and translation of the different characters. Whereas each previous publication on Korean coins has usually dealt with its author's collection only, this catalog bases its information on coins from seven major collections, including those of the Bank of Korea and the Bank of Japan, and other coins recorded in many Korean and Japanese publications.

As there has been no dictionary available that gives the Korean romanization of the Chinese characters used on Korean coins, this book includes a Chinese-Korean-English dictionary, giving for each character the Chinese romanization, Korean written form, Korean romanization, and the English translation. The dictionary includes not only the characters found on coins, but all those used on Korean charms and amulets, plus the most common numismatic terms used in Oriental publications.

Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds, by Charles Mackay, London, 1841, L. C. Page & Co., Boston, 1932.

For anyone interested in people and the history of money, this thick volume is a delight. The first two chapters are on the theme of early experiments with paper money, the rest of them are a bonus showing how people react to mass movements.

John Law, his career and the Missippi Scheme in France in the early part of the 18th century are fully described. A February 1974 auction catalog from Stanley Gibbons in London offered a John Law note for 50 livres, 2 September 1720, at an estimated value of \$400.00. The rise and fall of the Missippi Scheme takes up the first chapter.

The rise and fall of the South-Sea Bubble is described in the second chapter, from the start of the South-Sea Company by Harley Earl of Oxford in the year 1711 to its demise in 1720. These two operations, on either side of the English Channel, reached out to the new world half way round the globe - and both of them failed.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



The words of Goethe are an inspiration to us all when we try to get all of the things done that are called for in today's busy schedule - and somehow never seem to get around to all of them - but we keep trying. The gas shortage and the press of trying to make a living have prevented me from making many of the visits I had hoped to make this year to our member Clubs and their Shows. The ones

we have made have been most enjoyable and the people we have met made us most welcome.

Our thanks and congratulations are extended to all of you who worked to make the 50th anniversary of National Coin Week a success in Virginia, working with Chairman George Miller. The President of the United States, the Governor of Virginia and the Mayors of towns and cities across the Commonwealth joined with us as they declared National Coin Week in the various localities at our request. Our hobby seems to be able to cross political boundaries when we all get together and push in the same direction.

Quite a bit of mail crosses my desk, and I am continually made aware of the variety of numismatic material available to us for our collections, as well as the number of places they can be found. During the last week at least one fixed price or auction catalog has arrived every day, one beautifully illustrated one coming from England. Even if you can't get to a coin shop or a show, the U.S. Mail will find its way to your door with all kinds of listings.

Have a good day - enjoy this beautiful Spring - give a helping hand to a new or a young collector.

Don

THOUGHTS FROM THE PAST

There are nine requisites for contented living:

WEALTH enough to support your needs;

HEALTH enough to make work a pleasure;

STRENGTH enough to battle with difficulties and forsake them;

GRACE enough to confess your sins and overcome them;

PATIENCE enough to toil until some good is accomplished;

CHARITY enough to see some good in your neighbor;

LOVE enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others;

FAITH enough to make real the things of God;

HOPE enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

Goethe

NATIONAL COIN WEEK - 1974

First of all, our thanks to National Coin Week Chairman George Miller and all of the folks across our State of Virginia who by their shows, displays, talks, printed articles and hard work made such a fine showing for the 50th National Coin Week.

Proclamation by President Nixon, Governor Mills Godwin, Mayor David Montague of Hampton, Mayor J.W. Hornsby of Newport News and the executives of other cities across the State were graciously given at the request of the ANA, the VNA and local coin clubs in support of the golden anniversary of National Coin Week in Virginia.

At the present writing, we have only preliminary reports of the work done in other areas of the State, but from these the final total will be impressive. The Coin Show at Staunton on April 26 and 27 was an excellent show and well attended, for a fitting climax to the Week. We request that all Clubs send in reports of their activities for the Week as soon as possible.

Our hearty congratulations to all of our fine folks who helped to bring to the attention of the non-numismatic public the pleasure and fascination of our hobby.





NEW COIN DESIGNS

Treasury Secretary designate William Simon presented \$5,000.00 checks to each of the designers is the new coin reverses selected for three of our coins for the Bi-Centennial in Washington: Jack L. Ahr, Arlington Heights, Ill., designer of the colonial drummer that will appear on the reverse of the quarter; Seth Huntington, Minneapolis, Minn., designer of the Independence Hall to go on the back of the half dollar, and Dennis Williams, Columbus, Ohio, designer of the liberty bell and moon combination to be shown on the reverse of the dollar. Mint Director Mary Brooks and other officials participated in the ceremony.

NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Roanoke Valley Coin Club

New officers elected are: Pres - Jack Lucas, Vice Pres - H.A. Watson, Treas - Dorothy Tomlinson, Rec Sec - Juanita Ware, Corr Sec - O.B. Ware, Chaplain - Dr. W.B. Healy, Board of Directors - C.R. Jackson, Harold Robertson and H.L. Tomlinson. Plans are continuing for the show to be held in the Roanoke Civic Center August 2-4. Show chairman is C.R. Coleman, P.O. Box 1888, Roanoke, Va. 24008.

Monticello Coin Club

The Monticello Coin Club held its fourth annual Coin Show at the Mt. Vernon Motel on Saturday and Sunday March 2 and 3. More than 300 visitors inspected the wares of local and area dealers and viewed the exhibits displayed. Fine coverage for the show was given by the news media. Visitors and dealers expressed interest in both spring and fall shows. Club officials are considering this possibility. Visitors are always made welcome in Charlottesville.

Salem Coin Club

Auctions have been featured at the spring meetings at the Salem Civic Center. Visitors are always made welcome.

Southside Numismatic Association

This Petersburg based club joined in the recognition of Coin Week in Virginia with distribution of placards to banks and businesses announcing the week with a display of prized items from members' collections. The display, prominently situated in a jeweler's window in a major shopping mall, drew much interest and many favorable comments from viewers. The display was highlighted by a beautiful twentieth century type set and a multiyear type set. Two meetings a month are held on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at the Va. Mutual S & L Assn Bldg.

Virginia Peninsula Coin Club

Frank Hannah spoke on currency issued by Virginia cities and counties in the 19th century at the March meeting while an auction was the feature in April. The Mayors of Hampton and Newport News issued proclamations for Coin Week in their cities. Displays were shown in the window of Reed Walton's Coin Shop, The Taylor Library in Hampton, the downtown office of the Citizens and Marine Bank and the main office of the Virginia National Bank. They will be the host club for VNA's annual convention in Hampton this September.

Shenandoah Valley Coin Club

Spring club meetings have been featured by auctions and attendance has increased. The show in Staunton at the Holiday Inn at the close of coin week was an excellent one with good attendance. Bourse and exhibits were featured, dealers and buyers were pleased with the results.

Rockingham Coin Club

VNA slide programs and an auction are features of the spring programs in Harrisonburg. National Coin Week Chairman George Miller extends his thanks for all the fine work done throughout the state. Their Club had a variety of exhibits, talks to various organizations and good coverage on radio and TV and in the press.

Washington Numismatic Society

The March meetings was featured by a display and discription of members' other hobbies and a brief talk by President Sam Butland about his experiences on the Assay Commission. At the April meeting members were most interested in a talk by Howard Johnson, a past assayer of the U.S. Mint, on the coinage of our country and his experiences here and abroad.

Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association

This annual meeting sponsored by the Washington area clubs will be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, New Carrolton, Maryland (Exit 30W - D.C. Beltway) July 12 - 14. Features are: Bourse, exhibits, auction, educational forum by the Stefanelli's and a talk by Director James Conlon of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Tidewater Coin Club

New club officers were inducted by Master of Ceremonies Milton Becker at the annual dinner at the Mariner Resort Inn in Virginia Beach on Friday night. The annual show held the next two days was a good one and the rains did not keep visitors away. Dealers and buyers alike were pleased with the bourse. The talk and display on genuine and counterfeit money was very interesting.

Israel Numismatic Society of Tidewater

Orders were accepted at the April meeting for the 1974 Independence Day Commemorative Coins. Plans were made by several members to attend the American Israel Numismatic Association Convention in New York early in May.

Richmond Coin Club

Featured at the April meeting was a variety of coins having a biblical or religious significance, for the Easter season. An auction is planned for May. An outing is proposed for club members in July.

Winchester Coin Club

John Stickles, Jr., is the Bourse Chairman for the Coin Show to be held by the Club at the National Guard Armory on October 26 and 27.

Shenandoah Numismatic Society

Final plans and arrangements are being made for the Show to be held May 25 and 26 at the George Washington Hotel in Winchester.

Fredericksburg Coin Club

At the April meeting a VNA slide program was shown and plans were completed for the Show at the Community Center on May 25 and 26. New Club officers are: Pres - W.T. Baldwin, Vice Pres - James Munson, Vice Pres - Larry Nolen, Secretary - Roger F. Brown and Treas - William Billingsley.

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association provide that an Election Committee shall present a slate of officers for each expiring elected office not later than July 15th of each year. During the period June 15 through July 15 additional nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees are to be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The following offices are open for nomination: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and seven (7) members of the Board of Directors. All offices are for a period of one (1) year except that of the Secretary-Treasurer is for two (2) years.

The By-Laws further provide that election of the last three Past Presidents who remain active and in good standing to the Board of Directors is automatic. Those so elected will be: James M. Beard, George K. Morehead and Donald Roberts.

Be sure to send all nominations to the Secretary-Treasurer between June 15 and July 15.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK CHARTERED IN VIRGINIA by Elvin B. Miller

National Bank Notes came into being through the National Banking Act of February 25, 1863. Soon after the passage, National Banks began to be

organized in most of the states and territories then in existence.

The first National Bank to be organized in Virginia was The First National Bank of Norfolk, Charter Number 271, on February 3, 1864. But if you will remember, The Civil War was in progress at this time and was not over until the spring of 1865. At the time the bank was organized parts of Virginia, including Norfolk, were occupied by the Union Forces. This brings forth some very interesting questions about the conditions at the time and about the organizers. To give a better picture of Norfolk in the spring of 1864 we would like to go back to April 12, 1861 and give an abbreviated history of Norfolk from that time until the organizing of the first National Bank to be chartered in Virginia.

Saturday, April 12, 1861, a dispatch arrived in Norfolk telling of the bombardment of Fort Sumter. Sunday, April 20, one rumor had it that the Frigate Cumberland was about to bombard the city, another that the Navy Yard was to be destroyed, still another that all the vessels were to be scuttled.

At the Navy Yard were the Merrimack, the Pennsylvania, the Columbus, the Delaware, and the New York, these vessels would have been invaluable as a nucleus to the Confederate Navy. But General William B. Taliaferro, at the head of The Richmond Grays and six companies from Petersburg, lacked the guns to contend with the warships. A Federal Officer, under a flag of truce, was conducted to the Atlantic Hotel where he have assurance that none of the vessels would be removed and that not a shot would be fired. The conference was no sooner over, then Commodore Charles S. McCauley, in command at the Navy Yard, gave orders for the scuttling of all the Federal vessels except the Cumberland. All that afternoon and evening the Federals worked at destroying the Navy Yard and prepared to fire the buildings and ships. At 3:20 A.M. the Cumberland moved out into the river and in a few moments the flames shot up.

After the Federals had gone, General Taliaferro took immediate steps to fortify Norfolk and Portsmouth. The first actual encounter with the Federal Navy took place on May 19, 1861, when a shot from the Monticello landed

in the midst of a gun battery at Sewells Point.

Next, a powerful Federal Fleet assembled in Hampton Roads and maintained a complete blockade and so stopped all direct trade with foreign

countries and other Virginia ports.

The Merrimack, sunk and partly burnt, had been transformed, by the Confederates into a strange vessel, looking like a submerged house with only the roof above water. She had been covered with a bomb-proof network of railroad iron, her sides sloped in and her armament was of the heaviest and best rifled cannon known.

President Lincoln, Secretary Stanton, and General McClellan, in the meantime, were preparing to hurl The Great Army of the Potomac against Virginia in an effort to capture Richmond. Before the expedition could move, the absolute mastery of the Chesapeake Bay had to be assured. But early in March this mastery was challenged by the Merrimack, now called the Virginia.

The story of the success of the Virginia is known to everyone who has even a passing knowledge of Civil War History. The only trouble was that the Virginia could not lift the blockade. She was not a seagoing vessel and would have foundered the moment she got outside the capes. She could not go to Baltimore or Washington because she drew too much water. She was suited only for fighting in Hampton Roads.

At 8:30 on the morning of March 9 the Virginia opened fire on several Federal ships but joining the battle was the Federal Ironclad Monitor. After a day of intensive fighting the Monitor retired to shallow water where the Virginia could not follow.

The first battle between ironclads is frequently misunderstood. The Monitor did not save Washington and New York, because they were never in danger from the Virginia, she did not even win the mastery of Hampton Roads. More important she did not clear the way for McClellan's invasion of the Peninsula. In other words, it was not the Monitor, but the limitations of the Virginia itself which put such narrow restrictions on her activities. The Virginia could only defend the mouth of the James, Nansemond, and Elizabeth Rivers, and this she did until the day of her destruction.

Next McClellan landed one hundred thousand men on the peninsula and was pushing on toward Richmond. Also General Burnside was not operating in the Albemarle region. All this made Norfolk untenable. General Huger's Division was urgently needed by General Johnston at Richmond, so the order to evacuate the city was given on May 2, 1862.

Early on the morning, May 10, General John E. Wool, accompanied by President Lincoln, Secretary Stanton, and Secretary Chase landed a large body of troops at Ocean View and marched on Norfolk. Within sight of Norfolk the army was halted by Mayor Lamb with a flag of truce. The Mayor stated that the Confederates had evacuated the city, so Norfolk became an occupied area of the Union Forces.

The Virginia with most of her armor removed still had too much draft to float up the James to Richmond so she was grounded near Craney Island and set on fire.

The days that followed were full of anxiety, hardship and humiliation for the people of Norfolk, Norfolk was under military rule for thirteen months. Then in June 1863, civil law was resumed under the authority of Governor F.H. Peirpoint. When Virginia seceded in 1861, the people of the western part of the state, declaring this action of no effect, organized a government to replace the one in Richmond. They elected Peirpoint Governor and received recognition from President Lincoln as The Legal Government of Virginia. Later, when West Virginia was formed, Peirpoint made Alexandria his Capital, and at once took measures to restore civil rule in the small part of

Virginia under Federal control. Peirpoint permitted none but Union men to vote and the newly elected Mayor, Councilmen, and Justices were, of course, hostile to the Confederacy. Eventually, some southern sympathizers took the oath of allegiance, for no Ministers, Physicians, Lawyers, or Merchants were permitted to pursue their vocations without it. It was either take the oath of allegiance or starve.

In November 1863 General Benjamin F. Butler was appointed to the command of the eastern district of Virginia and North Carolina. General Butler was notorious for his severity at New Orleans. He was in command when Mumford was hung at the New Orleans Mint. At Norfolk, the provost marshal and the provost court took over the functions of the civil courts, and so the city came under military rule again. Arbitrary orders were issued to levy taxes on business, and to issue licenses to traders. General Butler, by vote of the Union men, overthrew even the pretense of civil government. Some of his orders were charging one per cent on all goods shipped into his military district, a tax on all vessels leaving his district, and a tax for the privilege of catching oysters. On March 7, 1864, an order was issued that every fourth dog in the Norfolk district be killed, but the owner could save the dog by paying two dollars for a license.

From all indications the Butler regime was corrupt and oppressive. No man could do business without a permit from the military authorities, and permits were distributed to those who offered the highest bribe.

In the spring of 1865 some of the Confederate men came home bearing the parole of General Grant. By the order of General Butler these men were arrested on the street, dragged before him, and there he cut the buttons from their uniforms. The people of Norfolk accepted the outcome of the war in good faith, but the bitterness has hardly yet died out. The name of Butler will ever be infamous in Norfolk.

It was during General Butler's occupation that the First National Bank of Norfolk was organized and chartered. There were one thousand shares of stock authorized at a value of one hundred dollars each. The list of subscribers to this stock contained thirty-seven names. To further describe these men the following letter gives us a clear picture.

HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Provost Marshal's Office

Maj. Gen. R.F. Butler: Norfolk, Va. Feb. 4, 1864

Sir:

I have examined the "List of Subscribers to Stock in the First National Bank" proposed to be started in this place, and recognize among the number some of the most respected and responsible Union men of the place.

Considering all things it is probably as fair a list as can be got, at

this time

Very respectfully, Your ob. Servt. (unreadable) Lt. Col. & Proyost Marshal Thirty-six of the subscribers listed their residence as Norfolk. The other one listed his home as Philadelphia. This subscriber, Charles C. Rhodes, stands out as he bought forty-seven per cent of the stock offered compared to fifty-three per cent to the other thirty-six subscribers.

Very little is known about the bank after it was chartered, at least by this national bank note collector, until it was placed in receivership on June 3, 1874. At this time there are no notes known to be in the hands of collectors.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Our thanks to Elvin Miller for his fine article on the first national bank established in the state of Virginia and on conditions in Norfolk at the time it was started.

We thought that you might be interested in how this article came about. Some time back a number of VNA ragpickers were having a talk session in Reed Walton's coin shop (Reed is mighty nice about letting us take up floor space that way). Reed had just obtained a small group of national bank notes and we were looking them up in the book, to get some information on the banks that issued them. We had wondered before about the first national bank in the state of Virginia being started in Norfolk during the Civil War, when Virginia as such was not even a part of the Union. The subject came up again, and this time some of us thought that it would be interesting to see what we could find out about the bank. During the next VNA convention it was brought up during the annual ragpickers get-together after the banquet, and others became interested. After the meeting, Brent Hughes suggested to Elvin Miller that some information might be available from the Comptroller's Office in Washington. Elvin wrote them and did get some information: date of charter, names of first stockholders, date charter revoked, etc., but this raised as many questions as it answered. Who and what was the man named Rhodes from Philadelphia that took out over 40% of the stock? We still have no information on him. Why did the bank only last ten years? Where was the bank building and who were its officers? We have talked to a number of people and have obtained some more information, but much of it is fragmentary and some is contradictory. In a later article, we hope to bring you some of the information received to date, and are still looking for more. If any of our readers can help us in this project, it will be most appreciated. Even telling us where to look will be helpful, since many records from this time are scattered.

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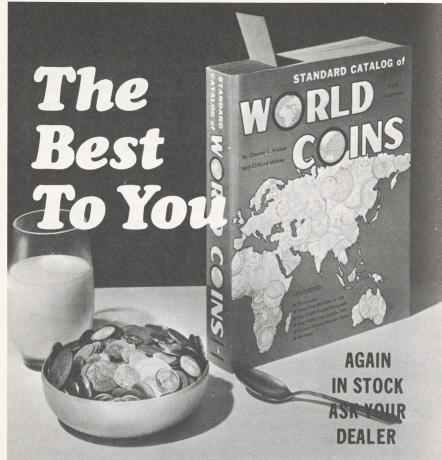
The addition of Russell Rulau to the Krause Publications editorial staff has been announced by publisher Chester L. Krause. Rulau, an experienced numismatic journalist and one of the country's leading world coin authorities, who for the past ten years served as editor of World Coins, will assume his post as editor of World Coin News on May 1. In announcing Rulau's appointment, Krause also revealed plans to convert World Coin News, unveiled in February as a quarterly, to monthly publication effective with the August issue.

CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS

Club	Location	Date
Southside Numismatic Assn.	Holiday Inn, Petersburg	May 5
Shenandoah Numismatic Society	George Washington Hotel Winchester	May 25-26
Fredericksburg Coin Club	Community Center Fredericksburg	May 25-26
Maryland State Numismatic Assn.	Wicomico Youth Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.	June 8-9
Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Assn.	Sheraton Motor Inn New Carrollton, Md.	July 12-14
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke	August 2-4
Virginia Numismatic Assn.	Sheraton Inn-Coliseum Hampton	Sept 13-15
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Motel Harrisonburg	Sept 28-29
Winchester Coin Club	National Guard Armory Winchester	Oct 26-27

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I was saddened to hear of the death in Boykins, Va., on January 26th. of "Doc" Cabell, the colorful auctioneer of the Meherrin Valley Coin Club. "Doc" conducted their sales much in the manner of the old tobacco auctions, and with his melodic chant and piercing eye, he left few lots unsold. His presentation brought to life interest in even the lots of common circulated specimens that normally elicit a yawn from the audience.

Frank Hannah on one occasion heard him call an auction and declared that he was going to bring his tape recorder down and record for posterity his colorful chant. That privilege is now past, and those of us who heard and knew "Doc" can only enjoy our memories of another colorful personality in Virginia Numismatics.

James A. Johnson, Jr.

Our thanks to Jim for sharing with us his memories of this fine member of the Meherrin Valley Coin Club.

MINT BUREAU NEWS

We were pleased to hear that President Nixon has appointed Mrs. Mary Brooks to another term as Director of the Mint. This Lady has done a fine job, and is a delight to know. Be sure to get your coin and medal orders in on time.

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VNA FALL CONVENTION

Don't forget to reserve the weekend of September 13, 14 and 15 for the 16th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association at the Sheraton Inn in Hampton.

Chairman Frank Hannah and his committee are planning a full schedule of activities for members and their families. Bring your exhibits to share with others, shop with the dealers in the bourse and talk about numismatics with your fellow members and guests.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



As was the case with last years letter, this is being written on Midsummer Day, the start of summer. Since the last such day, there have been a lot of changes: some of our old friends have died, the oil shortage and inflation have changed a lot of plans and some of our ideas and time itself has changed some of our ideas. Some of the ones that have died were the ones that were influential in start-

ing a few of us in collecting coins and paper money and medals. It seems to me that the only way we can repay them for the time and effort they spent on getting us started is to help others the same way - to learn how much fun and information there is in finding out the when and the where and the why of a new addition to our collection. I still think of each one of mine as pieces of history, with a story to tell if you work hard enough to dig it out.

Be sure to start making your plans now to attend the Annual Convention the second week end in September. Our able convention chairman, Frank Hannah, has many things planned for us at the show this year. This will make an excellent vacation for you and your family - there will be plenty of things for them to do while you are here, and after the show you can join them and enjoy the fall season here in Tidewater Virginia.

Let's get as many new members as we can before then, and in the meantime - support your local club!

We hope to see you all here in Hampton in September.

Don

Death Takes Our Members

We greatly regret to report the death of the following loyal members of the Virginia Numismatic Association:

> Dr. Conway A. Bolt Robert B. Brown Arthur Murchison

Marshville, N.C. Staunton, Va. Montvale, Va.



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Charles J. Affleck (right) of Winchester, Va., receiving the Numismatic Ambassador Award from Numismatic News Weekly publisher Chester L. Krause

A Virginian who was first bitten by the numismatic bug at the youthful age of 64 has been named the seventh recipient of the Numismatic Ambassador Award sponsored by Numismatic News Weekly. Charles J. Affleck of Winchester, Va., received the award from publisher Chester L. Krause during a special presentation at his home June 4.

"This award is being extended in recognition of the countless hours of pleasure, and incalculable educational benefits your paper money exhibits provided friends and neighbors through the years," Krause stated in presenting the award. Affleck traveled extensively along the eastern seaboard throughout the 1950s and 1960s, as an active exhibitor and hobby worker.

A long time history buff, particularly as it related to the Shenandoah Valley and his home town of Winchester, Affleck was drawn to the paper money field in the early 1950s while recovering from a stroke. He quickly became immersed in the collecting and study of Virginia obsolete banknotes, a subject he has pursued with dedication for 20 years.

Affleck is the author of a two volume standard reference - Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia - covering his collecting field. The first, published in 1968, covered Virginia Treasury, county, city and town notes, private and business scrip. Published a year later, the second volume listed obsolete bank note issues.

A past president and life member number one of the Virginia Numismatic Association, since retirement - he ended his career in the General Mills sales division in 1951 - Affleck has been an active participant in the activities of the state organization. He is also the recipient of numerous educational awards, including the 1969 Nathan Gold Memorial Award for advancement of paper money collecting, another award sponsored by the News.

The Numismatic Ambassador Award presented to Affleck is the seventh of several which will be presented this year to recognize outstanding people from coast to coast whose extraordinary leadership abilities, devotion, sincerity, patience, perseverance and an ability to get things done have contributed greatly to the hobby's development.

"A Numismatic Ambassador is more than a knowledgeable collector," News publisher Krause stated earlier this year in announcing the award. "He (or she) is a person who shares spare time and knowledge with others, by answering questions of beginning collectors and presenting informative programs at coin-related and civic gatherings. Above all the Numismatic Ambassador has earned the respect of other collectors because of his knowledge and his faithful service."

The Numismatic Ambassador Award winners named previously include Charles Colver of California, Miriam Gilmore of Texas, Virgil and Daisy Jackson of Wisconsin. The others were Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Alones of New York, Michael Granis of New York, and Glenn B. Smedley of Illinois.

During the remainder of the year several additional Numismatic Ambassadors will be named by the News during award ceremony programs at coin gatherings throughout the country. In the years to come the News' Numismatic Ambassador Award recipients will be asked to participate in choosing their counterparts.

Winning selections are based on the credit they have lent to the hobby through the years: They exemplify basic principles that make coin collecting such an enjoyable pastime. They are sincere in their devotion to collecting. They evidence honesty and integrity in everything they do. Above all, perhaps, they display a keen sense of sharing - both of their time and knowledge.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS Feb. 10, 1974 to June 9, 1974

Applicants

Roger Michael Crowson, Petersburg, Va. Cary H. Haskins, Arlington, Va. John A. Copeland, Petersburg, Va. Robert Stanley Ramsey, Petersburg, Va. Danny R. Robinson, Petersburg, Va. Harrol A. Brauer, Jr. Gerald Perry, Ft. Lee, Va. Claude L. Hamilton, Jr., Newport News, Va. Frank C. Harris, Fredericksburg, Va. Larry White, Liberty Center, Ohio Vergil Ratliff, Bodega Bay, Calif. Vincent Wallen, Hampton, Va. Herbert R. Houge, Alexandria, Va.

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The subject of the souvenir card will be a reproduction of the face of a \$10 Silver Certificate, designated as Series of 1897, originally intended for issuance in conjunction with the \$1, \$2, and \$5 notes of the 1896, or Educational, series of Silver Certificates. The \$10 certificates were not printed, however, since bills of that denomination were not specifically provided for in the Act of Congress of August 4, 1886, which authorized the 1896 series of notes.

Prints of the card, priced at \$1 each and limited to not more than five per customer, also may be ordered by mail from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for delivery after August 13. Customers are requested to place their orders as soon as practicable to permit the accomplishment of as much advance processing as possible. In addition, a delay of as much as six weeks may be anticipated for filling some of the requests.

Mail orders, accompanied by the proper remittance in the form of a check or money order payable to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing should be addressed to A.N.A. '74 Card, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C., 20228. Customers are requested not to send cash with their orders.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1974-1975

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Election Committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of Officers and Directors for each expiring elected office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted

from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Convention in September, by Ballot.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of Officers:

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The By-Laws provide that election of the last three Past-Presidents who remain active and in good standing to the Board of Directors is automatic. Those who fall in this category are:

James M. Beard Lexington, Va.
George K. Morehead Mosely, Va.
Donald Roberts Hampton, Va.

NEW BANK NOTE SERIES COMING?

If the plans of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving work out, and the Congress approves the nominations of William Simon as Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Francine Irving Neff as Treasurer of the U.S. in time, collectors may soon have a new series of Federal Reserve notes with a new signature combination.

In a departure from previous custom, the Bureau will designate all denominations of Federal Reserve notes as "Series 1974" and use the two new signatures. Up to this time, the series year was changed only when a design change was made.

The former Treasurer, Mrs. Romana Acosta Banuelos, the highest ranking person of Mexican descent to occupy a position in the Nixon administration, resigned earlier this year in a protest over the reorganization program that downgraded the responsibility of the office. Most paper money collectors

are interested in her signature, which is required by law to be imprinted on all U.S. currency.

Many of us had hoped and tried to get the government to issue new and meaningful commemorative coins and paper money for the bi-centennial in 1976. So far, all that has happened is to have changes made on the reverses of three of the coins, and no action at all on paper money. We still have hopes for a two dollar U.S. note, series 1976, with a new reverse, as we have urged for years, but little has been done as yet.

What was it that one man in Philadelphia said awhile back: "If we leave it up to the federal government, the bi-centennial celebration will be the Salvation Army lassies playing the Star Spangled Banner in front of Independence Hall"? On the fourth of July? In the afternoon? At two o'clock? Hail Columbia!

NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Richmond Coin Club

Don't forget the outing proposed for club members in July! This will take the place of the regular meeting. Our carrier pigeon needs to be fed better.

Shenandoah Numismatic Society

The Club held a most successful coin show at the George Washington Hotel in Winchester in May. Dealers from six states presented a varied mix of numismatic materials for all attending. Awards were presented to W.P. Massey, Jr., Yellow Spring, West Virginia for the best display of United States paper money and to Gus Michon, Stephens City, Virginia, for the best artistic display of United States coins.

Roanoke Valley Coin Club

Plans are continuing for the show to be held in the Roanoke Civic Center August 2-4. Show Chairman is C.R. Coleman, P.O. Box 1888, Roanoke, Virginia 24008. Varied programs are scheduled for the summer months.

Salem Coin Club

An auction with over 40 choice items listed was the feature of the June meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

Southside Numismatic Association

The Petersburg area Club Coin Show was well attended despite the dampening effects of a very stormy day. The non-competitive exhibits presented by the membership drew much interest - paralleled only by the free door prizes every half-hour. The coin and stamp dealers did a good business and were unanimous in praise of the security provided by the Petersburg Special Police. The club meets twice monthly at the Virginia Mutual S & L Building.

Virginia Peninsula Coin Club

Programs by Gerard Chambers on Coinage in Colonial Times and Milton Becker on Coinage of Israel were features of the monthly meetings at the Elks Club on Tidemill Lane. Plans are being made for activities during the Virginia Numismatic Association Convention in Hampton in September. Be sure to buy one of the Hampton Medals while you are here.

Shenandoah Valley Coin Club

Visitors are always welcome at the monthly meetings at the Fisherville Bank. Talks and auctions are featured.

Rockingham Coin Club

A coin auction with the public invited featured the May meeting, while a VNA slide program on Hard Time Tokens was shown in June. Plans are being made for their show at the Belle Meade Motel, Harrisonburg, on September 28 and 29. Guests are made welcome at all meetings.

Washington Numismatic Society

Our good friend Walt Mason presented his annual quiz program in May, in his usual inimitable style. The June program included the showing of the ANA film "Money Minters of Canada" along with an interesting talk on "The Olympic Coinage of Canada" by His Excellency, Marcel Cadieux, the Ambassador of Canada. There will be no July meeting because of the MWNA Show on July 12-14 at the Sheraton Inn in New Carrolton, Maryland.

Tidewater Coin Club

Meetings at the Larchmont Public Library on Hampton Boulevard in Norfolk featured talks on Trade Dollars of the World, by Melvin Dudley and Things to Look for on Coins by Nick Siler. Auctions and raffles were added attractions.

Israel Numismatic Society of Tidewater

Features of the June meeting of the Norfolk Jewish Community Center were an auction and a trading session. Information was given on the new Israel coinage issues.

Alexandria Coin Club

The Annual Show will be held at the Holiday Inn of Alexandria, 2460 Eisenhower Drive, Alexandria on October 19 and 20. Chairman for the Show is Mr. John D. Ellis, 3616 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22207.

Winchester Coin Club

The Annual Coin Show will be held at the National Guard Armory on October 26 and 27. Mr. John Stickles, Jr. is the Bourse Chairman.

VIRGINIA NATIONAL BANK NOTES SERIES OF 1929

by Elvin Miller

The accompanying chart lists all series of 1929 National Bank Notes that were issued by banks in the State of Virginia. The chart shows which denominations were issued, N.I. indicates that none were issued. This series of bank notes were produced in two different types. I have indicated which of these notes, by type and denomination, are known to exist. A note not listed is no indication that it is rare. I have used a code to show the source of my research as to the location of the notes (X - in my personal collection, S - seen in someone's collection, and A - advertised or from a list of notes in someone's collection).

Charter		Denomination					
Number	City	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100	
651	Alexandria	NI	AT2		NI	NI	
			AT1	AT1			
1522	Lynchburg	NI	AT2	AT2	NI	NI	
			AT1	AT1			
1558	Lynchburg	ST2	AT2	AT2	NI	NI	
				AT1			
1572	Harrisonburg	NI		AT2	NI	NI	
1582	Fredericksburg				NI	NI	
		AT1					
1620	Staunton	AT2	NI	NI	NI	NI	
		ST1	ST1	AT1			
1635	Winchester		AT2		NI	NI	
			AT1	AT1			
1716	Alexandria	NI		AT2	NI	NI	
		ST1	AT1	XT1			
1738	Leesburg		ST2	ST2	NI	NI	
		AT1	XT1				
1824	Salem	AT2			NI	NI	
			XT1				
1985	Danville	AT2			NI	NI	
- 1			AT1	AT1			
2269	Staunton	NI			NI	NI	
			XT1	AT1			
2594	Charlottesville	NI	XT2		NI	NI	

6018	Purcellville	AT1 XT2	NI	NI	NI	NI
6008	Clifton Forge	NI	ST1	ST1	NI	NI
5725	Scottsville	AT1	AT1 AT2		NI	NI
5683	Farmville	NI Ami	XT2	511	NI	NI
5591	Culpepper	NI	XT1 ST2	XT1	NI	NI
5438	Orange	NI	AT1	XT1	NI	NI
5394	Culpepper	AT1 ST2		AT1	NI	NI
5326	Covington		ST2	NI	NI	NI
5290	Irvington	NI			NI	NI
5261	Harrisonburg	NI	AT1 XT2	AT1	NI	NI
5150	Abingdon	AT1	NI	NI	NI	NI
5032	Manassas	NI			NI	NI
4940	Onancock	NI	XT1		NI	NI
4635	Newport News	NI	XT1 AT2	AT2	NI	NI
4503	Covington		ST1		NI	NI
4477	Bristol	NI	AT1 AT2	XT1	NI	NI
4313	Lexington	NI			NI	NI
4071	Pulaski	AT2	AT1 XT2	AT1	NI	NI
3917	Leesburg	AT1 ST2	XT1	ST1	NI	NI
3515	Petersburg	NI	AT1 NI	AT1 NI	NI	NI
3209	Mount Jackson	NI	AT1 NI	NI	NI	NI
2760	Lynchburg	AT2	XT1	ST1	NI	NI
2737	Roanoke	NI	AT1 ST2	AT1 AT2	NI	NI

6031	Luray	AT1			NI	NI
0001	Duray		XT1	AT1	IVI	141
6032	Norfolk	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
0002	7,011011	AT1	1112	AT1	- 112	- 112
6084	Winchester				NI	NI
6123	Tazewell				NI	NI
			AT1	45.00		
6126	Warrenton	NI			NI	NI
				AT1		
6206	Luray		AT2		NI	NI
			AT1			
6235	Norton	NI			NI	NI
		AT1		AT1		
6246	Parksley				NI	NI
		NI	AT1			
6389	Fairfax				NI	NI
				ST1		
6443	Washington	NI			NI	NI
6666	Broadway	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
			ST1			
6748	Manassas	N!			NI	NI
			AT1	AT1		
6778	Hampton		AT2		NI	NI
				AT1		
6782	Radford	NI		AT2	NI	NI
			AT1			
6839	Marion	NI	AT2		NI	NI
		AT1				
6842	Hampton				NI	NI
			AT1			
6886	Lebanon	NI			NI	NI
			AT1	AT1		
6899	Coeburn	NI			NI	NI
2000		NI	ST1			
6903	Staunton				NI	NI
5000			XT1	AT1		
7093	Alexandria	NI	AT2		NI	NI
7135	Gate City	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
F1F0			ST1	AT1		
7150	Orange	NI	AT2		NI	NI

Charter	a	Denomination					
Number	City	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100	
				XT1		1077	
7173	Lexington	NI			NI	NI	
7206	Martinsville		ST2		NI	NI	
7208	Gate City	NI AT1	NI	NI	NI	NI	
7258	Onley				NI	NI	
7338	Berryville	NI	NI AT1	NI	NI	NI	
7587	Waynesboro	NI	AT1	XT2	NI	NI	
7659	Hallwood	NI AT1	ST1	AT2	NI	NI	
7709	Petersburg	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
7782	Bluefield	NI ST1	NI XT1	NI	NI	NI	
7937	Christiansburg		ST2		NI	NI	
8003	Esmont	NI	NI AT1	NI XT1	NI	NI	
8091	Pearisburg	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
8414	South Boston	NI	NI AT1	NI	NI	NI	
8547	Saint Paul	AT2	AT1	NI	NI	NI	
8643	South Boston	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
8688	Emporia			100000	NI	NI	
8722	Hot Springs	NI		NI	NI	NI	
8746	Strasburg		AT2	XT1	NI	NI	
8753	Strasburg				NI	N1	
8791	Galax			NI	NI	N1	
8875	Chilhowie	NI			NI	N]	
8984	Rocky Mount		XT2 XT1	NI AT1	NI	N	
9012	Wytheville	NI	ST2 ST1	AT2 AT1	NI	N	
9177	Clifton Forge	NI	AT2		NI	N	
9222	Farmville	NI		AT2	NI	N.	
9224	Blackstone	AT2 AT1	AT2	NI	NI	N	

9291	Chase City	NI	NI XT1	NI	NI	N
9295	Altavista	AT1	AT1	AT1	NI	N
9343	Danville		AT2	AT2 XT1	NI	NI
9375	Buchanan	NI		AT2 AT1	NI	NI
9379	Appalachia	NI	XT2		NI	NI
9455	Crew	AT2	XT2		NI	NI
9635	Herndon	NI	XT1	ST1	NI	NI
9642	Warrenton	NI AT1	AT1	AT1	NI	NI
9733	Suffolk		ST2 XT1		NI	NI
9746	Norton	NI AT1	NI	NI	NI	NI
9764	Troutville	AT2	AT1		NI	NI
9847	Martinsville	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
9861	Hamilton	NI AT1	AT1	XT1	NI	NI
9885	Norfolk		AT2	AT2	NI	NI
9890	Buena Vista	NI XT1			NI	NI
9924	Jonesville			XT1	NI	NI
10061	Rural Retreat	NI AT1	NI AT1	NI AT1	NI	NI
10080	Richmond	AT1	AT1	XT1	NI	NI
10194	Norfolk		AT2		NI	NI
10252	Honaker	NI			NI	NI
10253	Marshall		AT2 XT1		NI	NI
10287	Gordonsville	AT1		XT1	NI	NI
10325	Fredericksburg	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
10611	Wise	NI	NI AT1	NI AT1	NI	NI

10618	Charlottesville	NI	AT2		NI	NI
10658	Gloucester	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
10821	Chatham	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
10834	Independence	NI			NI	NI
10850	Richlands				NI	NI
		1	AT1			
10857	Richlands			NI AT1	NI	NI
10973	Stanley	NI	XT2		NI	NI
10993	New Castle	NI			NI	NI
		AT1		AT1		
11028	Newport News	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
				AT1		
11205	Appomattox	NI			NI	NI
11265	Saltville	NI			NI	NI
			AT1			
11328	Bedford	NI	XT2		NI	NI
		AT1	AT1	ST1		
11381	Portsmouth		AT2		NI	NI
		AT1	AT1	XT1		
11387	Pulaski		AT2		NI	NI
11444	Narrows	NI			NI	NI
11533	Tazewell	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
11554	Yorktown		NI	NI	NI	NI
			ST1	ST1		
11569	Round Hill	NI		11 11 11	NI	NI
				XT1		
11690	Radford	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
			AT1	ST1		
11694	Harrisonburg	NI	AT2		NI	NI
11698	Grundy	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
11765	Big Stone Gap	NI			NI	NI
11797	Flint Hill	NI			NI	NI
			ST1	AT1		
11817	Roanoke	NI	XT2	AT2	NI	NI
			AT1			
11901	Stuart	The state of the s			NI	NI
		XT1				
11957	Lovingston	AT2	NI	NI	NI	NI
11976	Bassett	NI			NI	NI
11978	Ashland		NI	NI	NI	NI

11990	Troutdale	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
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13502	Gate City				NI	NI
13603	Fredericksburg				NI	NI
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13792	Petersburg	AT2		ST2	NI	NI
			NI	NI		
13878	Onancock	NI NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
14052	Crewe				NI	NI

For anyone who wishes more information on the series of bank notes,I would suggest the following books:

The National Bank Issues of 1929 - 1935 by Peter Huntoon, Louis Van Belkum

Paper Money of the United States by Robert Friedberg

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VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

The numismatic highlight of the year in Virginia, the 16th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association, will take place at the Sheraton Inn-Coliseum, Hampton, Virginia, on September 13, 14 and 15. Be sure to come and enjoy the numismatic fellowship at this outstanding event. Start making your plans now to make this trip a most enjoyable part of your vacation. Bring your family and enjoy a leisurely stay in Tidewater Virginia in the fall. Besides the things to see in Hampton and Newport News, travel the Jamestown-Williamsburg-Yorktown triangle. Get an early start on the bi-centennial and see where a lot of our American history began.



OUR DINNER SPEAKER

We are pleased to announce that the speaker for the Annual Banquet will be Mr. Gene Hessler, Curator of the Chase Manhattan Bank Collection since 1967, and well known for his interests in numismatics and music.

An articulate person with a wide range of interests, Mr. Hessler is a prize winning photographer, author of various publications on coins and currency, has a masters degree in music, and has spoken on both radio and television programs in addition to numerous personal appearances. The first edition of his most recent publication "A Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Paper Money" has just recently been placed on sale.

He has chosen as the topic for his talk "Rejected and Unissued U.S. Paper Money Designs." With the possibility of a new series of notes being issued this summer with two new signatures, this will be timely and most interesting to all our members and guests.

BOURSE

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited. This years chairman is Ray Haymaker, and he tells us that the tables are selling well. A wide range of materials should be available for all types of collectors. Take a look at all of the tables and maybe you will find a new collecting interest.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please remember to arrange in advance for your rooms at the Sheraton Inn-Coliseum in Hampton. You will be sent a hotel reservation form in early August. Be sure and send it back promptly for the best selection of rooms.

EXHIBITS

Be sure to get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to arrange for space for your exhibits. This is an unequaled opportunity to show the rest of us what you are interested in and why you think so. Awards will be made for: "Best of Show," "Charles Affleck Award" for the best paper money exhibit and seven (7) "Outstanding Awards" for the next seven top awards without regard to category.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Inn on Saturday, September 14th. Time and place of the meeting will be announced.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet will be held Saturday night following the social hour and is always the highlight of the convention. Following the excellent dinner will be the installation of officers for next year, presentation of awards and exhibit plaques and our featured speaker, Mr. Gene Hessler, Curator of the Chase Manhattan Bank Collection in New York City.

"RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

Last but not least, don't forget that on Saturday night following the banquet, the "rag-pickers" will assemble for their annual get-together. Sometimes they even get around to talking about paper money.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Don't forget to have your club appoint a representative to attend the Sunday morning breakfast meeting of the club representatives. As usual, VNA will "pick up the breakfast tab" for this member. It's a mighty pleasant way to get yourself awake on a Sunday morning.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Next to the registration desk will be a table showing the VNA membership pins for sale, along with Charlie Affleck's books on the "Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" and Douglas Ball's "Confederate Interin Depository Receipts & Funding Certificates Issued in the Commonwealth of Virginia." Be sure to get yours if you do not already have them. In addition to the VNA material, the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club, our host club in Hampton, will be selling bronze Hampton Medals - you will want to add this to your collection, too.

The following are items that VNA has for sale to it's Members.

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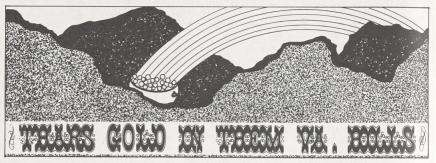
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By S.C. Carpenter

Virginia gold commands the same healthy respect and price as world gold, and the price of world gold has jumped dramatically in recent weeks.

The price touched \$188 an ounce on the European bullion markets Feb. 26 before easing back to \$160 an ounce.

Those who know the money markets see the weakening of the price as just a breather before it surges on through the \$200-an-ounce mark.

This will be about 600 per cent above the U.S. official price of \$35 an ounce set some 40 years ago.

There is a difference between Virginia gold and just any other gold, however, and a big one.

Virginia gold is close at hand. It's just down the road, over the mountain, in the next county - not in California, South Africa, the Soviet Union, the Yukon or the Klondike.

It has been found at 186 mines and prospects from the Potomac to the Dan, and it exists, no doubt, in many places more.

In fact, there's a stretch of creek only 30 miles from downtown Roanoke where as much as 5.5 grains of gold to a pan of 25 pounds of earth were reportedly yielded.

On a commercial scale, however, with the exception of the depression years in the 1930s, there has been only slight activity in Virginia's gold mines since the turn of the century, chiefly because production costs have been too steep to realize a profit.

The soaring price of gold hasn't sparked any new interest in the state's mines, at least on a commercial scale.

No mines are operating in Virginia, said Palmer C. Sweet of Charlottesville, geologist with the Division of Mineral Resources, whose job, in part, is to keep abreast of such matters.

Sweet seemed mildly astonished by the apparent lack of commercial interest.

Has the price of gold risen to a level at which it could be mined profitably in Virginia fields?

Sweet believes so.

"I felt the price was within range for profitable mining when it reached \$90 to \$100 an ounce last year," he said.

The geologist said there's a continual interest from a small group of amateurs who like to try their hand at panning for gold on weekends as a hobby. He said the division receives maybe 15 to 20 requests a month from individuals wanting information.

Are the amateurs having any luck?

"Oh, they're turning up some color, now and then," said Sweet, "but I'm not aware of anyone who's doing much more than that."

"Color," in the language of the prospector, means that at least a trace of gold can be seen in the miner's pan after the waste material has been washed away.

In addition to the commercial and amateur miners, there's still another breed. He's the armchair prospector, the nonserious miner, more romantic than practical, whose blood surges, and feet itch every time he reads about gold, but whose inertia would probably have kept him at home reading about the California and Klondike gold rushes, even though he had lived through them.

Many armchair prospectors are probably unaware that Virginia's association with gold began long before the colonists arrived.

Jamestown survided as the first permanent English settlement in America, with agriculture as its chief pursuit.

But one of the underlying motives for founding the colony seems to have been a lust for gold.

The colonists never found an ounce of the precious metal, but Virginia, along with North Carolina and Georgia, later became a leading producer of it

Nearly 100,000 troy ounces of gold have been mined in the state.

That's hardly a trickle compared with the total known U.S. production of 308,799,000 ounces through 1965.

The production figures come from the U.S. Bureau of the Mint and the U.S. Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines.

In 1829, the first year of recorded production, 121 ounces were shipped to the Mint. Production jumped to several thousand ounces, more or less, each year until 1849, the peak year, when 6,259 ounces were recorded.

Gold was discovered in California in 1849 and most likely many of the state's experienced miners left for the West and more lucrative fields, thus accounting for a sharp decline in production the following year.

The decline continued until 1912 when, for all practical purposes, production ceased.

Interest was revived in mining during the depression years. The government nearly doubled the price of bullion gold in those lean years, and Virginians were searching for almost any means of turning a dollar then.

In 1934 production was 667 ounces. From then until 1950 about 6,000 ounces were mined.

Virginia gold deposits, like most others, fall generally into two categories, lode and placer deposits.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



On behalf of the officers and board of directors of The Virginia Numismatic Association, I hereby extend our formal invitation to all members to attend the 16th Annual Convention to be held September 13, 14 and 15 at the Sheraton Inn-Coliseum in Hampton.

Chairman Frank Hannah, the Convention Committee and our host Club, The Virginia Peninsula Coin Club, have a full program of Club and leisure

activities scheduled for our members, their families and guests. Our unofficial theme this year is: "Come to the Peninsula and enjoy Tidewater Virginia in the Fall!"

There will of course be the varied materials for collectors at the Bourse, a full range of exhibits, our annual banquet with an excellent speaker with an unusual theme, breakfast on Sunday and the Ragpicker's get-together, all at the Inn.

Also at the Inn you will find an excellent dining room, indoor swimming pool, a game room and four motion picture theaters.

Directly across from the Inn is the largest and newest shopping center on the Peninsula, the new Coliseum Mall. Here are department stores, discount stores, fashion and specialty shops, more theaters and places to eat.

Also on Mercury Boulevard are a half dozen other shopping centers, theaters, antique shops, restaurants, cafeterias and gift shops.

A double decker English tour bus will take you to Langley Field and the NASA to show you where our space program began, and the Hampton Tour Boat will take you for a ride in Hampton Roads, one of the best harbors on the east coast. See where the Virginia and Monitor fought the first battle of the iron-clads.

At one end of Mercury Boulevard is Fort Monroe, where President Jefferson Davis was imprisoned after the Civil War - at the other end is the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, the largest private industry in Virginia. Also in Newport News is the Mariners Museum, a must for anyone interested in the sea, ships and seamen.

Go a little farther afield and travel the Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown triangle, to get an early start on the bi-centennial and see where much of our American history started. The ladies will want to tour and shop at the Pottery, just above Williamsburg on Route 60. The new brewery is up that way, too.

Copies of the third printing of Volume 1 of Charlie Affleck's "Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" will be on sale at the registration desk. If they run out, we will take your order and send it to you at home. Bronze copies of

the Hampton Medal will be on sale there too.

Tarry here a while after the Convention to see more of the Tidewater area and the Chesapeake Bay in the fall. Make it a part of your vacation and enjoy yourself with your family at your leisure.

Remember, the only way you can do this is to come! We'll see you all

here the second week end in September.

Don Roberts President, V N A

NEW PRINTING FOR AFFLECK BOOK

In response to numerous and repeated requests, we are greatly pleased to announce that a third printing has been made of Volume 1 of Charlie Affleck's book, "The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia", listing Virginia Treasury Notes, County Notes, City and Town Notes and Private and Business Script, and will be on sale at the Annual Meeting in Hampton.

This has been out of print for some time, so we suggest that you get your order in early. For mail orders, please write for details to V N A, P.O. Box

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NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Richmond Coin Club

Special summer programs to fit the hot weather are being held at the State capitol.

Shenandoah Numismatic Society

Shorter and varied summer programs are the rule here, too.

Roanoke Valley Coin Club

Members were quite pleased with the show held at the Roanoke Civic Center the first week in August.

Salem Coin Club

Red Books were distributed to paid up members attending. An auction featured the meetings.

Southside Numismatic Association

No summer doldrums for this Club. Meetings held on the first and third Wednesdays were well attended. The meeting on August 7th commenced a new feature: the presentation of the ANA Young Numismatist Course over the next several months as a part of the Club's educational program. Lou Doucet obtained special permission to present the course from ANA's Ken Hallenbeck, Jr. Plans are being made for a Fall Coin-Stamp Show on Sunday, October 6, and a Spring Show for Sunday, May 4, 1975 - both to be held at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Petersburg.

Culpeper Numismatic Club

Plans are being completed for the Annual Coin Show on September 7 & 8 at the Holiday Inn on U S 29 South of Culpeper. Show Chairman Felix Maddox IV may be reached at 306 Fauquier Street, Culpeper, Virginia 22701 or by phone at 825-2860 . . . this is a nice time to be over in the Valley.

Virginia Peninsula Coin Club

Committees are working on plans to make the Annual V N A Convention more fun for all attending in Tidewater this September. Club meetings were featured by a slide show from ANA and by demonstrations of members as to what else they collect besides coins and paper money. Try this at your Club sometime and you will be surprised by the variety of interests. Shenandoah Valley Coin Club

Auctions were features of the summer meetings at Fishersville.

Tidewater Coin Club

Meetings at the Larchmont Public Library featured short talks, auctions and swap sessions. A beach party was planned for August.

Alexandria Coin Club

Plans are being firmed up for the Annual Show at the Holiday Inn of Alexandria, 2460 Eisenhower Drive, on October 19 and 20.

Winchester Coin Club

Mr. John Stickles, Jr. is the Bourse Chairman for the Annual Coin Show to be held at the National Guard Armory on October 26 and 27.

BUREAU OF THE MINT NEWS

Mrs. Mary T. Brooks has taken the oath of office for her second five-year term as the 28th Director of the Bureau of the Mint, administered by Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon in his office at the Treasury Department. Mrs. Brooks announced that, after considerable delay, the Park Hill site in the City of Denver had been selected as the site for the new Mint there. In addition, she said that the Mint was gratified at the cooperation being given by the public and business in the effort to bring stored one cent pieces out of hiding and into circulation.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING NEWS

Treasury Secretary Simon and the Treasurer of the United States Francine I. Neff witnessed the first dollar bills with their signatures roll off the press at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The new Simon-Neff notes will be designated as series 1974, replacing the present Series 1969D notes. Bills seen by Secretary Simon and Mrs. Neff were to start with E00000001A (eight digits, the letter E identifying the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, the A the initial issue of the series.)

Notes on "The Gold Dominion"

With the vast increase in the price of gold, and the possibility that the Congress may pass and the President may, by the end of the year, sign an Act into law permitting U.S. citizens to own gold for the first time in about 40 years, we thought that this article about gold in Virginia would be timely and interesting to our members and readers. It was written by Mr. Samuel C. Carpenter, of Roanoke, to whom we are greatly indebted for sharing his interesting hobby with us. He is employed by the World News in Roanoke, and we thank both him and Mr. Jimmy Thacker, News Editor of the World News, for their permission to reprint it. Our thanks also go to Mr. Palmer C. Sweet, geologist with the Division of Mineral Resources in Charlottesville, for the additional information he so kindly furnished. For further information, we suggest that you check with your library and with the Division of Mineral Resources, Box 3667, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903. Good hunting and we hope you find lots of color, even if its only from an armchair.



Cont. from last issue

Lode gold is found imbedded in solid rock or other ore. Lode gold, much of the time, is found at some depth under the earth's surface, or at higher points, neither easily accessible.

The mining of lode gold usually requires underground shafts or deep pits to reach the gold-bearing rock, and specialized machinery to extract the gold from the rock.

Placer deposits contain particles of free gold, sometimes nuggets, and are usually found in stream beds or in alluvial soil where the gold has washed from the source rocks.

It is usually placer gold that the armchair prospector has in mind when he dreams of striking it rich with nothing more than a pan, a pickaxe and a grubstake.

The placer miner is usually the stereotype of American movies and fiction, usually cast as a loner, maybe a little off his rocker, who wanders about the old West with a burro packing his gear.

It was the placer gold that early miners of the California gold rush and the sourdoughs of the Klondike sought since it was the most easily accessible with a minimum of investment.

Poor man's mining, it was known as.

Since placer deposits are the easiest and most cheaply worked, they are the first to be exploited, and exhausted.

Much of Virginia's remaining gold is in lode deposits.

GOLD MAY HAVE LURED COLONISTS

The Old Dominion seems to be taking gold in her stride.

But this hasn't always been so. The attitude toward gold in the beginning was one of obsession.

It was a base for exploring for this precious metal, along with searching for a Northwest water passage, that Jamestown, it appears, was founded.

The conclusion is not difficult to reach from the studies of Capt. John Smith's writings and those of his contemporaries.

England thirsted for gold to pay for new ships and large armies and hoped to find it in the new world as Spain had done.

The fact that Jamestown survived as a permanent colony with agriculture as its chief pursuit seems to have been a byproduct of the misadventure for gold.

Prior to colonization, the English belief was that Virginia was excessively rich in gold. This was spurred in part by a London play in 1605, "Eastward Ho," by Ben Jonson and his collaborators.

In one passage of the play a sea captain says:

"I'll tell thee, gold is more plentiful there (Virginia) than copper is with us; and for as much red copper as I can bring, I'll have thrice its weight in gold. Why, man, all their dripping pans and chamber pots are of pure gold, and all the chains with which they chain up their streets are massy gold; all the prisoners they take are lettered with gold . . ."

Fired with this sort of imagination, colonists arrived at Jamestown willing to believe that everything that glittered was gold.

At least one shipload of "guilded dirt" was shipped to England only to be assayed as fool's gold, an iron pyrite with the appearance of gold that deceives the novice, but fails to meet the acid test.

Thomas Studley, a member of the Jamestown colony, wrote of this obsession:

"... There was no talke, no hope, nor worke, but dig gold, wash gold, load gold ...".

A contrast in 17th century and current attitudes is reflected by two chief executives. For Capt. Smith, onetime president of the colony, gold was the key problem.

On the other hand, 365 years later, Gov. Linwood Holton was able to skirt a controversial question on gold by pleading ignorance.

Gold prices had risen to a record \$124 an ounce last June 4 when Holton, as chairman of a governor's conference in Stateline, Nev., was asked by newsmen whether the rising price of gold reflected a lack of confidence in President Nixon, jeopardizing his ability to govern.

"Please don't ask me about the price of gold," Holton replied. "I come from the Virginia town of Big Stone Gap and I don't know anything about

that."

Ironically, gold eluded those who searched for it most feverishly. The Jamestown colonists failed to find it because they didn't penetrate the wilderness deep enough.

The first small trace was discovered by accident.

This sample, seen by Thomas Jefferson in 1782, led him to write:

"Gold, I knew of a single instance of gold found in this state. It was interspersed in small specks through a lump of ore, of about four pounds weight, which yielded 17 pennyweight of gold of extraordinary ductibility. This ore was found on the north side of Rappahanoc, about four miles below the falls. I never heard of any other indication of gold in its neighborhood. . ."

Production peaked in 1849, then declined. For all practical purposes it ceased after 1912.

The government's boost of the price of gold during the depression years, plus the fact that there was plenty of cheap labor and idle equipment, spurred new interest in mining in the state.

In 1934, C.F. Park, Jr., under a grant from the Public Works Administration, began a study of gold prospects, both new and old workings in which activities had been revived.

Park's study was made primarily of the lode deposits in shaft mines. At that time he found several of the known mines had revived operations. Activity at some of them continued into the 1940s.

Park's conclusions at that time were that most of the future production would be from primary deposits, lode deposits, below the water level.

He felt that placer deposits were of slight importance.

Palmer C. Sweet, geologist with the state's Division of Mineral Resources, made a new study recently.

His report is published in the August 1971 issue of the division's publication, "Virginia Minerals."

The depression years revived interest in other parts of the country as well as Virginia, for panning. Out-of-work itinerants, armed with picks and pans, flocked to placer deposits at the Mother Lode in California to sift through the deposits that had been worked and reworked.

A year ago California State Sen. Clare L. Berryhill, whose district covers the Mother Lode region, predicted that the price of gold would have to reach \$175 an ounce before there would be another "gold rush."

Geologist Sweet believes the price of gold already has reached a level for profitable commercial mining in Virginia.

One widely known personality, elusive billionaire Howard Hughes, stands to make another fortune, too, as the price of gold rises. He also may have the last laugh on those who labeled him a sucker for paying out more than \$18 million for 2,799 mining claims throughout Nevada at prices well above the market value.

California State Geologist Estley G. Brauer last year reported tremendous upsurge in the number of weekend miners reworking the old placer deposits at the Mother Lode.

Sweet said there has been no dramatic increase in the number of hobbyists panning for gold in Virginia. He added, however, there's been a continued interest among a small group of Virginians.

THE GOLD DOMINION

Gold abounds chiefly in a number of sites in the central part of the state.

Most of these are found in a belt about 20 miles wide cutting a swath from the District of Columbia to Appomattox County.

The belt is interrupted in this area, but picks up again further south and continues into North Carolina.

There's another belt, west of the Blue Ridge, along the Brush and Laurel Creeks in the Montgomery-Floyd county area.

The Montgomery-Floyd belt, just 30 miles southwest of Roanoke, was first worked in 1879 at the southeast section of Pilot Mountain, according to "Mineral Resources of Virginia," a survey of Virginia mines written in 1907 by Thomas L. Watson, professor of economic geology at the University of Virginia.

Prof. Watson's survey said, in part: "...the average yield for the best of the earth in 1882 was about 5.5 grains of gold per pan of 25 pounds of earth..."

Most of the tributaries to Brush and Laurel creeks show some gold and prospecting has extended over an area 20 miles wide by four miles long, a total of 89 square miles, Watson said.

Palmer C. Sweet, geologist with the state's Division of Mineral Resources, made a recent study of Virginia gold mines and prospects. His report, published in August 1971 in the division's quarterly, "Virginia Minerals," said production along the Brush Creek prospect continued intermittently into the 1920s, and that s substantial quantity of gold was mined in the mid-1890s when a stamp mill was erected.

A stamp mill crushes gold-bearing stone and rock so the gold can be extracted.

Much of the Montgomery-Floyd gold has been placer deposits.

Sweet also reported that gold prospects have been worked in Carroll County near Woodlawn, and in Patrick County northeast of Patrick Springs.

Although gold may be close at hand, hobbyists, and armchair prospectors who may decide to carry their adventure into reality and turn a few pans

of earth on the weekend, were cautioned that there are some legal rules.

Unlike the days of the Old West and the California gold rush, there are no public lands up for grabs. The would-be prospector either must own the land himself or have permission of its owner to prospect on it.

Sweet said in his report:

"Before prospecting on private property, one must obtain permission or a lease. On state-owned land, prospecting and leasing are a matter of negotiation, between the individual and the state agency concerned. A permit should be obtained from county or city officials when any prospecting is done on county or city-owned property. No prospecting is permitted in the national parks of Virginia, which are federally-owned land. Information regarding property in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests may be obtained directly from the forest supervisors."

If the novice clears this hurdle and wishes to try his luck, his best prospect,

with the least investment, will be a placer deposit near a stream.

Water is essential to wash the silt, sand and gravel to separate the gold. Placer deposits exist in dry stream beds and other alluvial soil as well as in streams but there is the problem of bringing the water to the material to be washed, or that of transporting the material to water.

Panning is a common method of placer mining, though it requires patience. Almost any pan 15 to 18 inches in diameter, preferably with sloping sides several inches deep will do. A small pick or shovel are handy aids in loosening the sand and gravel.

Many of the prospectors in the popular gold rushes of the past did double duty with their pans, using them for cooking and frying as well as for

panning.

The panner's technique is to take a manageable amount of earth in a pan, submerge it in water, lift it and hold it approximately horizontal. Then the pan is rotated in a gentle rocking motion, sloshing the sand, silt and gravel over the sides.

The action is repeated until most of the earth and waste material is washed away.

The gold particles, heavier than soil and water, settle to the bottom of the pan, and are recognized by their characteristic color.

Sweet said hobbyists occasionally pan for gold in such streams as Wilderness Run and Mine Run near abandoned mines in Orange and Goochland counties.

For most hobbyists, panning is a labor of love. A geologist with the North Carolina Department of Geology, is one who finds it so.

"There's been no money in it for me." he said. "I guess I've got maybe an ounce to show for maybe 200 to 300 manhours of work. And I consider that I'm in a position to know where to go."

The best places to do a little panning, he said, are near old established gold mines.

The gold-bearing belt in Central Virginia covers about 4,000 square miles

in Fauquier, Stafford, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Goochland, Buckingham, Appomattox, Prince Edward, Charlotte and Halifax counties.

Sweet's study, in "Virginia Minerals," is illustrated with photographs of the mine sites, picturing rusting and abandoned machinery overgrown with brush and trees, old building foundations and caved-in mine shafts.

Sweet described some of the better known mines. They include:

Whitehall mine, near Shady Grove Church in western Spotsylvania County, last worked in the 1800s.

Collins mine, in Goochland County, last worked from 1934 to 1936, and now covered by marsh and thick underbrush.

Vaucluse mine, 18 miles west of Fredericksburg in northeastern Orange County, worked last from 1934 to 1938.

Tellurium mine, two and a half miles southwest of Tabscott in Goochland and Fluvanna counties, last worked from 1935 to 1937.

Moss mine, southeast of Tabscott in Goochland County, last worked in 1935.

London and Virginia mine, in Buckingham County northwest of Dillwyn, last worked in an exploratory operation in 1953.

Bertha and Edith mine, in Goochland County, last worked from 1937 to 1939.

Melville mine, in Orange County, 18 miles west of Fredericksburg. Wilderness mine, in Orange County, last worked in 1923.

Our thanks to Mr. S.C. Carpenter of Roanoke for his permission to bring to our readers his series of articles on Gold in Virginia, and to Mr. Jimmy Thacker, News Editor of the World News of Roanoke, where they were first published. Mr. Carpenter is deeply interested in the history of our State and how it developed, and we know that you will much enjoy following his story.

VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

The numismatic highlight of the year in Virginia, the 16th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association, will take place at the Sheraton Inn-Coliseum, Hampton, Virginia, on September 13, 14 and 15. Be sure to come and enjoy the numismatic fellowship at this outstanding event. Start making your plans now to make this trip a most enjoyable part of your vacation. Bring your family and enjoy a leisurely stay in Tidewater Virginia in the fall. Besides the things to see in Hampton and Newport News, travel the Jamestown-Williamsburg-Yorktown triangle. Get an early start on the bi-centennial and see where a lot of our American history began.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Next to the registration desk will be a table showing the VNA membership pins for sale, along with Charlie Affleck's books on the "Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" and Douglas Ball's "Confederate Interin Depository Receipts & Funding Certificates Issued in the Commonwealth of Virginia." Be sure to get yours if you do not already have them. In addition to the VNA material, the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club, our host club in Hampton, will be selling bronze Hampton Medals - you will want to add this to your collection, too.

The following are items that VNA has for sale to it's Members.

Membership Pins \$3.50 (Please specify Clutch Back, Pin Back or Charm Loop)

"The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" by Charles J. Affleck Volume I - Sold Out / Volume II - \$12.50

"Confederate Interim Depositary Receipts & Funding Certificates issued in The Commonwealth of Virginia" by Douglas B. Ball Hard Cover Copy - \$4.95 / Soft Cover Copy - \$2.50

All prices are plus tax & shipping / They may be ordered from:

CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS

Club		Date
Culpeper Numismatic Club	Holiday Inn - South Culpeper	Sept. 7 - 8
Virginia Numismatic Association	Sheraton Inn-Coliseum Hampton	Sept. 13-14-15
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Motel Harrisonburg	Sept. 28 - 29
Southside Numismatic Association	Downtown Holiday Inn Petersburg	October 6
Alexandria Coin Club	Holiday Inn - Alexandria 2460 Eisenhower Drive	October 19-20
Winchester Coin Club	National Guard Armory Winchester	October 26-27
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Sheraton Motor Inn New Carollton, Md.	Nov. 1-2-3
Virginia Philatelic Federation - VAPEX 74	Holiday Inn - Scope Norfolk	Nov. 1-2-3

Due to a publishing error in the listing of Virginia National Bank Notes published in the last issue of the Virginia Numismatist, the editor would like it to be replaced by the following:

VIRGINIA NATIONAL BANK NOTES SERIES OF 1929

by Elvin Miller

The accompanying chart lists all series of 1929 National Bank Notes that were issued by banks in the State of Virginia. The chart shows which denominations were issued, N.I. indicates that none were issued. This series of bank notes were produced in two different types. I have indicated which of these notes, by type and denomination, are known to exist. A note not listed is no indication that it is rare. I have used a code to show the source of my research as to the location of the notes (X - in my personal collection, S - seen in someone's collection, and A - advertised or from a list of notes in someone's collection).

Charter	THE WAY TO VALUE	Denomination							
Number	City	Туре	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100		
651	Alexandria	1	NI			NI	NI		
001	Alexandria	2	NI	А		NI	NI		
1522	Lynchburg	1	NI	А	А	NI	NI		
1322	Lynchburg	2	NI	А	А	NI	NI		
1558	Lynchburg	1		А	А	INI	NI		
1550	Lynchburg	2	S	А	А	NI.	NI		
1572	Harrisonburg	1	NI	ANAMA *	А	NI	NI		
1372	Trairisonburg	2	NI	RETURNED O	А	NI	NI		
1582	Fredericksburg	1		of Manager		NI	NI		
1302	rredericksburg	2	MATH S			NI	NI		
1620	Staunton	1	А	NI	NI	NI	NI		
1020	Stauriton	2	А	NI	NI	NI	NI		
1635 Winches	Winchester	1	S	S	А	NI	NI		
1033	AAIIIGIIGSTGI	2	3	А		NI	NI		
1716	Alexandria	1	NI	А	Α	NI	NI		
1710	Alexandria	2	NI		А	NI	NI		
1738	Leesburg	1	X	А	X	NI	NI		
1730	Leesburg	2	La constitution	S	S	NI	NI		
1824	Salem	1	А	X		NI	NI		
1024	Salem	2	А	Parallel San	The same	NI	NI		
1985	Danville	1	max O. L	X	and duff	NI	NI		
1303	Danville	2	А	orthod W		NI	NI		
2269	Staunton	1	NI	А	А	NI	NI		
2203	Stauritori	2	NI	Toronta -		NI	NI		
2594	Charlottesville	1	NI	X	А	NI	NI		
2334	Charlottesville	2	NI	X		NI	NI		
2737	Roanoke	1	NI	A	А	NI	NI		
2/3/	Noanoke	2	NI	S	A	NI	NI		

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Number	City	Туре	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100		
2760	2760 Lynchburg	1		X	S	NI	NI		
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3209	Mount Jackson	1	NI	A		NI	NI		
0200	ount oudition	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI		
3515	Petersburg	1	NI	А	А	NI	NI		
	. otorobarg	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI		
3917	Leesburg	1	А	X	S	NI	NI		
		2	S	March March		NI	NI		
4071	Pulaski	1		А	Α	NI	NI		
		2	Α	X		NI	NI		
4314	Lexington	1	NI			NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
4477	Bristol	1	NI	А	X	NI	NI		
		2	NI	А		NI	NI		
4503	Covington	1		S		NI	NI		
		2				NI	NI		
4635	Newport News	1	NI	X	Α	NI	NI		
		2	NI	А	Α	NI	NI NI		
4940	Ónancock	1	NI	X		NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
5032	Manassas	1	NI	100		NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
5150	0 Abingdon	1	Α	NI	NI	NI	NI		
	ď	2		NI	NI	NI	NI		
5261	61 Harrisonburg	1	NI	Α	Α	NI	NI		
	•	2	NI	X		NI	NI		
5290	Irvington	1	NI			NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
5326	Covington	1			NI	NI	NI		
NA STATE	1012	2		S	NI	NI	NI		
5394	Culpeper	1	Α		Α	NI	NI		
		2	S			NI	NI		
5438	Orange	1	NI	A	X	NI	NI		
		2		Challens (NI	NI		
5591	Culpeper	1	NI	X	X	NI	NI		
		2	NI	S		NI	NI		
5683	Farmville	1	NI		S	NI	NI		
		2	NI	X		NI	NI		
5725	Scottsville	1	Α	А		NI	NI		
		2		А		NI	NI		
6008	Clifton Forge	1	NI	S	S	NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
6018	Purcellville	1	А	NI	NI	NI	NI		
		2	X	NI	NI	NI	NI		
6031	Luray	1	Α		Α	NI	NI		
		2				NI	NI		
6032	Norfolk	1	NI	X	Α .	NI	NI		
		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI		

Charter		Denomination							
Number	City	Type	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100		
6084	Winchester	1	А		А	NI	NI		
0004	Williamester	2				NI	NI		
6123	3 Tazewell	1				NI	NI		
0123	Tazewen	2				NI	NI		
6126	Warrenton	1	NI	А		NI	NI		
0120	Waltenton	2	NI			NI	NI		
6206	Luray	1		7 7 7 7 7 7 10 1	Α	NI	NI		
0200	Laidy	2		А	2516 (2011)	NI	NI		
6235	Norton	1	NI	А		NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
6246	Parksley	1	Α		А	NI	NI		
		2				NI	NI		
6389	Fairfax	1	NI	А		NI	NI		
		2				NI	NI		
6443	Washington	1	NI		S	NI	NI		
	9	2	NI			NI	NI		
6666	Broadway	1	NI		to the second	NI	NI		
		2	NI	· NI	NI	NI	NI		
6748	Manassas	1	NI	S		NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
6778	Hampton	1	А	А	А	NI	NI		
		2	10,40	А		NI	NI		
6782	Radford	1	NI		А	NI	NI		
		2	NI		А	NI	NI		
6839	Marion	1	NI	А		NI	NI		
	HORSE SERVE	2	NI	А		NI	NI		
6842	Hampton	1	А	The state of the s		NI	NI		
		2	Le Kring			NI	NI		
6886	Lebanon	1	NI	А		NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
6899	Coeburn	1	NI	А	A	NI	NI		
		2	NI			NI	NI		
6903	Staunton	1	NI	S		NI	NI		
	The second	2				NI	NI		
7093	Alexandria	1	NI	X	А	NI NI	NI		
		2	NI	А		NI	NI		
7135	Gate City	1 2	NI	NII	NI	NI	NI		
O. S. C. S.			NI NI	NI S	A	NI	NI		
7150	Orange	1			A	NI	NI		
		2	NI	А	X	NI	NI		
7173	Lexington	1	NI		X	NI	NI		
		2	NI				NI		
7206	Martinsville	1		-		NI	NI		
		2		S		NI NI	NI		
7208	Gate City	1	211	NII.	NII		NI		
	Gate City	2	NI	NI	NI	NI			
7258 Or	Onley	1	А			NI	NI		
		2	THE PERSON			NI	NI		

Charter		Denomination					
Number	City	Type	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
7338	8 Berryville	1	NI			NI	NI
7550		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
7587	37 Waynesboro	1	NI	Α		NI	NI
7507	Waynessoro	2	NI		X	NI	NI
7659	Hallwood	1	NI	А		NI	NI
7000	Tianwood	2	NI		Α	NI	NI
7709	Petersburg	1	Α	S		NI	NI
7700	1 otorsburg	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
7782	Bluefield	1				NI	NI
7702	Diadiloia	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
7937	Christiansburg	1	S	X		NI	NI
	9	2		S		NI	NI
8003	Esmont	1	174754			NI	NI
		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
8091	Pearisburg	1		А	X	NI	NI
		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
8414	South Boston	1	NI			NI	NI
	004111 2001011	2	NI	NI	NI	ŅΙ	NI
8547	Saint Paul	1		А	NI	NI	NI
		2	Α		NI	NI	NI
8643	South Boston	1	NI	Α	NI	NI	NI
	outil Boston	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
8688	Emporia	1				NI	-NI
	Emporta	2				NI	NI
8722	Hot Springs	. 1	NI		NI	NI	NI
		2	NI		NI	NI	NI
8746	Strasburg	1				NI	NI
	3	2		А		NI	NI
8753	Strasburg	1			X	NI	NI
	3	2				NI	NI
8791	Galax	1		be at the	NI	NI	NI
		2			NI	NI	NI
8875	Chilhowie	1	NI			NI	NI
		2	NI			NI	NI
8984	Rocky Mount	1			NI	NI	NI
		2		X	NI	NI	NI
9012	Wytheville	1	NI	X	Α	NI	NI
		2	NI	S	Α	NI	NI
9177	Clifton Forge	1	NI	S	Α	NI	NI
	3	2	NI	А		NI	NI
9222	Farmville	1	NI			NI	NI
		2	NI		А	NI	NI
9224	Blackstone	1			NI	NI	NI
		2	А	А	NI	NI	NI
9291	Chase City	1	А			NI	NI
	-11.00	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
9295 Altavista	Altavista	1		X		NI	NI
		2				NI	NI

Charter	Land State S				Denominati	on	
Number	City	Type	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
9343	Danville	1	A	А	Α	NI	NI
5545	Danvine	2		А	Α	NI	NI
9375 Buchana	Buchanan	1	NI	11 11	X	NI	NI
0070	Buchanan	2	NI		А	NI	NI
9379	Appalachia	1	NI	S	А	NI	NI
	7 tp para or ita	2	NI	X		NI	NI
9455	Crew	1				NI	NI
	0.011	2	Α	X		NI	NI
9635	Herndon	1	NI	200		NI.	NI
	110111001	2	NI			NI	NI
9642	Warrenton	1	NI	X	S	NI	NI
		2	NI			NI	NI
9733	Suffolk	1	Α	А	Α	NI	NI
		2		S		NI	NI
9746	Norton	1	NI	X		NI	NI
		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	, NI
9764	Troutville	1	. A		I monately w	NI	NI
	707 A	2	Α		Tanada Pales P. C	NI	NI
9847	Martinsville	1		Α	114.70	NI	NI
01-		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
9861	Hamilton	1	NI		and the second second	NI	NI
11/1		2	NI		The state of the state of	NI	NI
9885	Norfolk	1	Α	Α	X	NI	NI
	Maria de la constante de la co	2		А	Α	NI	NI
9890	Buena Vista	1	NI		. I myrache	NI	NI
	377	2	NI			NI	NI
9924	Jonesville	1	X			NI	NI
110		2				NI	NI
10061	Rural Retreat	1	NI		X	NI	NI
No. of		2	NI	NI	NÎ	NI	NI
10080	Richmond	1	А	А	А	. NI	NI
	137	2				NI	NI
10194	Norfolk	1	Α	А	X	NI	NI
	110	2		А		NI	NI.
10252	Honaker	1	NI			NI	NI
M		2	NI			NI	NI
10253	Marshall	1				NI	NI
		2		A		NI	NI
10287	Gordonsville	1		X		NI	NI
		2				NI	NI
10325	Fredericksburg	1	A		X	NI	NI
EX.		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
10611	Wise	1	210	NI	NI	NI	NI
		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
10618	Charlottesville	1	NI	A	А	NI	NI
		2	NI	А	Marine Land	NI	NI
10658	Gloucester	1			W. Carlotte	NI	NI
	PRODUCE TO THE	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI

Charter					enominatio		
Number	City	Type	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
	Chatham	1		NI	NI	NI	NI
10821	Chatham	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
40004	Independence	1	NI			NI	NI
10834	Independence	2	NI			NI	NI
40000	Richlands	1	Mark I			NI	NI
10850	Richianus	2				NI	NI
10857	Richlands	1		A	NI	NI	NI
10007	nicilialius	2			NI	NI	NI
10973	Stanley	1	NI		A	NI	NI
109/3	Stainey	2	NI	X		NI	NI
10993	New Castle	1	NI			NI	NI
10993	Idea Castic	2	NI			NI	NI
11028	Newport News	1	A		Α	NI	NI
11020	14644 POLC 14C443	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
11205	Appomattox	1	NI		А	NI	NI
11205	Appoinactox	2	NI			NI	NI NI
11265	Saltville	1	NI			NI	NI
11200	Saltville	2	NI		400	NI	NI
11328	Bedford	1	NI	А		NI	NI
11320	Dealora	2	NI	X		NI	
11381	Portsmouth	1	Α	А	S	NI	NI
11301	Tortsmouth	2		A		NI	NI
11387	Pulaski	1	Α	А	X	NI	NI
11307	I ulaski	2		Α		NI	
11444	Narrows	1	NI			NI	NI
11444	Ivaliovs	2	NI		Fire Higgin	NI	NI NI
11533	Tazewell	1	NI			NI	NI
11333	Tuzcwen	2	NI	NI	NI	NI NI	NI
11554	Yorktown	1		NI	NI	NI	NI
11004	TOTALOUT	2		. NI	NI	NI	NI
11569	Round Hill	1	NI	S	S	NI	NI
11000	Houna III	2	NI			NI	NI
11690	Radford	1	NI		X	NI	NI
11000	Hadrord	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
11694	Harrisonburg	1	NI	A	S	NI	NI
11004	Tidi Tiboniba. g	2	NI	А	made the day	NI	NI
11698	Grundy	1	NI			NI	NI
11000	Granay	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
11765	Big Stone Gap	1	NI			NI NI	NI
	g 0.0	2	NI			NI	NI
11797	Flint Hill	1	NI				NI
		2	NI			NI.	NI
11817	Roanoke	1	NI	S	A		NI
11017	Houndre	2	NI	X	А	NI	N
11901	Stuart	1		A		NI	N
11001	Otaul t	2				NI NI	N
11957	Lovingston	1	X	NI	NI		N
		2	A	NI	NI	NI	IV

Charter					Denominati	on	
Number	City	Type	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$100
11976	Bassett	1	NI			NI	NI
		2	NI			NI	NI
11978	Ashland	1	180, 75	NI	NI	NI	NI
		2		NI	NI	NI	NI
11990	Troutdale	1		NI	NI	NI	NI
	.,	2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
12092	Poquoson	1	S	NI	NI	NI	NI
		2		NI	NI	NI	NI
12183	Victoria	1		NI	NI	NI	NI
		2	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
12240	Emporia	1			NI	NI	NI
		2			NI .	NI	NI
12267	Phoebus	1				NI	NI
		2				NI	NI
12290	Fries	1		NI	NI	NI	NI
		2		NI	NI	NI	NI
12311	Ferrum	1				NI	NI
		2				NI	
12477	Quantico	1			X	NI	NI
		2	S			NI	NI
12599	Wytheville	1		А	NI	NI	NI
		2		X	NI	NI	NI
13502	Gate City	1	NI			NI	NI
		2				NI	NI
13603	Fredericksburg	1				NI	NI
		2				NI	NI
13775	Hampton	1	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
		2			А	N. St. Line	The same
13792	Petersburg	1	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
	,	2	А		S	NI	NI
13878	Onancock	1	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
2.50		2	NI .			NI	NI
14052	Crewe	1	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
		2				NI	NI

For anyone who wishes more information on the series of bank notes, I would suggest the following books:

The National Bank Issues of 1929 - 1935 by Peter Huntoon, Louis Van Belkum

National Banks of the Note Issuing Period 1863 - 1935

by Louis Van Belkum

Paper Money of the United States

by Robert Friedberg

United States Small Size Paper Money

by Hewitt - Donlon

U.S. Paper Money by Gene Hessler

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DEATH TAKES A MEMBER

We greatly regret to report the death of long time member and loyal supporter of the Virginia Numismatic Association, Frank G. Sampson of Virginia Beach.

JEFFCOAT NAMED EDITOR OF NUMISMATIC NEWS WEEKLY

The appointment of Arnold Jeffcoat as editor of Numismatic News Weekly has been announced by senior editor Clifford Mishler. A longtime student of coin collecting and history, Jeffcoat joined the News staff December 27th following six years service on the editorial staff of Gun Week, a tabloid newspaper devoted to shooting sports, first as news editor and most recently as executive editor.

"Jeffcoat's addition to the News' staff, because of his professional and hobby background, will further enhance the News' ability to gather and publish the news of interest to coin collectors on the most objective, timely basis possible", Mishler said. "This addition to our staff also is a part of a continuing program to improve service to our readers."

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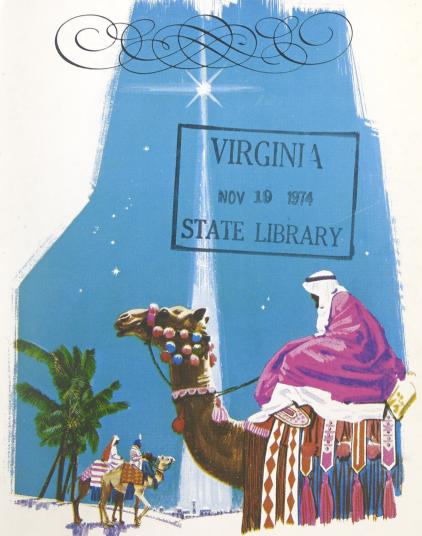
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



The 16th Annual V N A Convention is now history. Our thanks go to all those who spent so much of their time, energy, and money to make this yearly event possible.

By the time this is printed I am sure everyone has learned of the passing of V N A's Life Member Number One, Mr. Charles J. Affleck. There is very little I can add to the write-ups that have been printed, but I am sure that all of us in the numismatic community (and not only Virginians) who

were fortunate enough to have known Mr. Affleck were influenced and stimulated in some way by his interest, knowledge and energy. I am also sure that very few of us will ever again pick up a Virginia note and not be reminded of our beloved "Rag Picker."

Next September our annual convention will be held in Staunton at The Ingleside Red Carpet Inn. The spacious Ingleside Club Room will let us increase the number of dealers and also allow the exhibits to be shown in the same room. Speaking of exhibits: Now is the time to start thinking of and working on those you have been planning for the last few years but never got around to making.

Now I would like to make a request of all the Club Presidents: Please remind your Club Secretary to send in your club news and proposed calendar of events, along with a current list of club officials. If you have to tie a string around his or her finger - please do so!

Here is something for all of us to think about: What would it be like to be a collector if you had no one to show your collection to or no one to talk to about collecting? I don't think that any of us would remain active very long under those conditions. To see that this never happens we have to keep working to get more people interested in the field of numismatics. Please do not keep your hobby to yourself - show your collection - talk about it - write about it! You will benefit, your club will benefit and the V N A will benefit.

Elvin Miller, President V N A

NEW PRINTING FOR AFFLECK BOOK

In response to numerous requests, a third printing was made of Volume I of Charlie Affleck's book, "The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia," listing Virginia Treasury Notes, County Notes, City and Town Notes, and Private and Business Script. Please write for details to V N A, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669.



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NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Meherrin Valley Coin Club

We spent a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon visiting the Coin Show put on at the Tarheel Bank & Trust building in Murfreesboro, N.C. by our friends from across the James River. They made us most welcome and showed us some beautiful material and gave us an opportunity to visit with other out-of-town guests.

Virginia Peninsula Coin Club

An ANA slide set and a coin auction featured fall meetings. Our thanks to the Club and its members for being our hosts at the 16th Annual V N A Convention in Hampton in September - they certainly made us most welcome. All the officers and members hope their guests enjoyed themselves and will come back and visit Tidewater again. Various commercial banks and savings and loan offices in the area are selling The Commonwealth of Virginia Bicentennial Medal to help finance the activities of the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission throughout the state. Members of the club are putting on displays of medals in the lobbies to help with publicity for the medals.

Washington Numismatic Society

The fall season started off with a report on the A N A Convention in Florida and a slide program on ancient coinage, as well as reports on the Washington Show and the C N A Convention. Members were looking forward to the MANA Convention.

Salem Coin Club

Meetings started off the fall season for the club at the Salem Civic Center during the Monday night sessions.

Southside Numismatic Association

The weather and the guests and the dealers and the exhibitors all worked together to make a successful show in Petersburg. Larry Hoyle, one of the junior members, won the grand prize. Lou Doucet will present the third section of the Young Numismatist Course in November.

Tidewater Coin Club

Programs on "The 1893 Columbian Exposition" and "So Called Dollars" were the starters for the fall season. Raffles and refreshments are features of the club meetings at the Larchmont Public Library in Norfolk.

Tidewater Israel Numismatic Society

Starting off the fall programs was a film program and display on "Coin Security" presented by Officer Hightower of the High Incident Target Squad (H.I.T) of the Virginia Beach Police Department. This is a timely and interesting subject. The new Israel 1974 coins have come.

Shenandoah Valley Coin Club and Rockingham Coin Club

The Staunton and Harrisonburg clubs held a joint meeting and were addressed by V N A First Vice President George Miller. The clubs voted to co-sponsor the 17th Annual Convention of the V N A next September at the Ingleside Inn near Staunton.

1974 - CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS - 1974

Our thanks are extended to all who worked so hard and made our annual meeting at Hampton such a success. The weatherman smiled on us and kept the rains away. Lots of people came and enjoyed themselves - even when the engine in the cruise boat broke down in the middle of Hampton Roads! This year we are again making a photographic report of the convention - so you can all see who was there and what was going on in the Bourse, dinner meeting, exhibit areas and the other activities. Numismatics, food and fellowship combined to make this one of our best meetings.

Tours, shopping expeditions and meetings kept the ladies busy while the members were looking through the bourse and attending business meetings.

John Jay Pittman, immediate past president and board member of the American Numismatic Association made an excellent master of ceremonies at the annual dinner, installing the new officers and presenting the awards.

The Rag Pickers get-together and the Club Representatives Breakfast gave members and guests an opportunity for fellowship and exchanges of information.

Dealers at the bourse tables had a wide range of materials on display and did a good business during the convention, giving many of us an opportunity to add to our collections.

We were sorry that illness kept several members away from the meeting this year.

VNA would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Frank Hannah and all of his chairmen for the outstanding job they did in making this years convention such a good one. Our thanks also go to our host club, the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club, for their hospitality to our guests.

HISTORIC PLACE GUIDE ISSUED

To help the nation celebrate its bi-centennial, the National Park Service has published a "Guide to Historic Places of the American Revolution."

In addition to a state-by-state descriptive listing of historical sites, the publication contains a chronology of political and military events of the Revolution and a list of government-published books, folders, posters and document reproductions concerning the period.

The guide can be obtained by sending \$1.90 to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The following special awards were presented at the banquet:

Past President - Don Roberts Outstanding member of the year - George E. Miller For contributions to The Virginia Numismatist: Elvin B. Miller and Everett K. Cooper

EXHIBITS

The exhibits prepared and displayed by our members and guests are always one of the more noteworthy parts of our annual meeting. We hope that more will bring exhibits to future shows. This year awards were presented to the following:

Junior Award - Lori Wall

Junior Exhibit Certificate - William W. Hannah

Outstanding Awards - Clarence Coleman, Louis Doucet, Margery Hannah, Ray Haymaker, George Morehead, Don Roberts and Calvin Wall, Jr.

Best of Show - George Crocker

Charles Affleck Award - Ralph Hicks

The Gold Coin at this years Convention was won by Cliff Hickman.

DINNER SPEAKER

Our dinner speaker was Gene Hessler, Curator of the Chase Manhatten Bank Collection since 1967. The topic of his talk was "Rejected and Unissued U.S. Paper Money Designs," accompanied by slides showing designs of three dollar bills, including one for a proposed three dollar U.S. bill from the 1860's that had just recently been found.

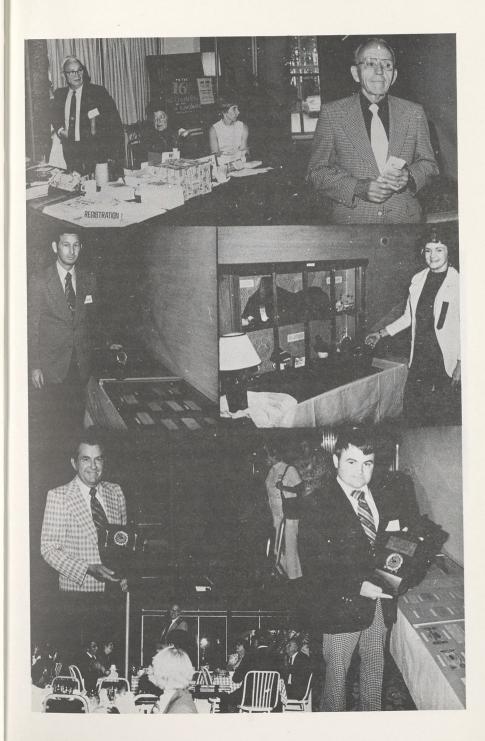
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The Official Commonwealth of Virginia Bicentennial Medal has been authorized by the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission and is on sale at various commercial banks and savings and loan offices throughout the State of Virginia in the following sizes: $2^{1}\!\!/\!\!2$ Silver, $1^{1}\!\!/\!\!2$ Silver and $1^{1}\!\!/\!\!2$ Bronze. Proceeds from the sale of these medals will be used to further the activities of the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission. Other medals and sets are available direct from the Medallic Art Company of Danbury, Connecticut.



Various V N A members have placed medal displays in the lobbies of some of the institutions selling the Bicentennial Medals. We hope that other of our members will do this also. This is an excellent opportunity to show the general public some of the wide variety of designs of medals we collect, and to help promote the sale of medals for the Bicentennial Commission throughout the State of Virginia. You will want one of these for your own collection, too. Be sure that the places where you are exhibiting carries insurance on your medals.

The medals show profiles of the eight U.S. Presidents from Virginia and the Colonial Capital at Williamsburg on one side and figures from the state seal and the words "Virginia Independence Bicentennial 1776-1976" on the other.

MORE ABOUT GOLD

The magic of gold has lured man through the ages, as one reporter put it. How will it affect us as American citizens face the opportunity of the possibility of again owning the yellow metal after the first of next year?

In the last two issues we printed an article on the search for gold in Virginia, now we thought it would be timely to consider the impact on collectors if the President does allow us to legally own gold for the first time in over forty years.

INSPECTION OF GOLD AT FORT KNOX

The inspection by Members of Congress on September 23, 1974, of U.S. gold stocks stored at the Fort Knox (Ky.) Bullion Depository marks a unique departure from the long standing and rigidly enforced policy of absolutely no visitors, Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, announced.

"On April 28, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt inspected the Bullion Depository," Mrs. Brooks said. "His visit was the one and only time a gold vault was opened for inspection for anyone other than authorized personnel."

"The Congressional inspection adheres to the new open door policy of the government announced by President Ford. Treasury Secretary William E. Simon issued the invitation to Congressmen to inspect the gold at Fort Knox. By also inviting the press to witness the Congressional inspection, the Mint is clearing away the cobwebs and re-assuring the public that their gold is intact and safe. For the first time photographing is being permitted inside the Depository."

After the Congressional inspection, the Bullion Depository will once again be closed to visitors.

On September 24, 1974, a special settlement (audit) is scheduled to begin and at its conclusion a report on the audit will be issued.

The audit will be performed by a committee of auditors from the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) and the Department of the Treasury. The auditors from the treasury will be drawn from the Office of the Secretary, the Bureau of Government Financial Operations, the U.S. Customs Service and the Bureau of the Mint. In addition, the committee will include technicians from the Bureau of the Mint who are trained in assaying and weighing gold bullion.

The monetary gold stock of the United States totals 276 million fine troy ounces valued at \$11.7 billion at the official rate of \$42.2222 per fine troy ounce, and is stored in various federal depositories, the largest of which is at Fort Knox, Kentucky. 147.4 million fine troy ounces, valued at \$6.2 billion, is stored in 13 vault compartments at the Fort Knox Bullion Depository.

BUYING GOLD

According to the U.S. News & World Report, Americans purchased nearly 2 million ounces of gold coins, worth 340 million dollars, in the first nine months of 1974. Treasury Department officials expect the total to rise to 3.5 to 4 million ounces by the year-end, compared with only 435,000 ounces of gold coins bought in 1973.

During the month of October the price of gold went up and down several times, closing at between \$167 and \$168 per troy ounce of bullion on the last day of the month. This was far above last year's average of about \$100 dollars an ounce, and 1972's of about \$60 an ounce, according to the Wall Street Journal.

According to reports, various firms, shop, banks and even the stock market expect to deal in gold and silver coins, medals, bullion and futures after the first of the year.

Whether you are buying as an investor or collector, there are several "caveat emptors" to remember before you jump into the deep waters. The first thing that you should remember is that you should never gamble unless you can afford to lose, and you are gambling in that you are betting that the price will go up after you buy, and that you can sell before it goes down below your buying price. Right now, some of us have some listed stocks that we wish would get up to the price we paid for them!

You should know the people you buy from, and that they will stand behind the materials they sell you. A counterfeit coin, a shaved ingot or the wrong degree of fineness of the metal makes your purchase worth a lot less than you paid, if the dealer does not stand behind it. If you buy bullion, it has to be stored and insured at your cost, and you have the interest the money would be bringing in tied up in it, too. Also, note particularly that in medals and coins the value of the silver or gold may be only a small portion of the cost of the item. As one writer said, "if you don't mind paying for the pretty, don't complain if you can never get the value of the pretty back again!"

Bullion dealers abroad will now sell spot, three-month, six-month and one year prices on gold and silver, and the commodity market will sell futures on silver here. Another way of investing in metals is to buy mining stocks on the various exchanges. One report states that the New York Stock Exchange is considering a rule change designed to facilitate member-firm dealing in gold and silver bullion. Essentially the exchange, in its proposed rule change, would, with regard to member-firm capital positions, treat gold and silver spot dealings on the same basis as securities transactions. This would enable member-firms not only to sell gold to customers but to buy it back in an auction-market setup. Other exchanges are considering opening spot-gold markets after the first of the year, but we have seen no reports of definite action by their Boards.

Many guesses as to the effect of private ownership on the price of gold

have been offered: some say it will go to \$400, some say it will stay about where it is now, some say it will fall. Some of the dealers think that it will go up in the first quarter of the coming year, level off, and probably come back down to about its present price. One of the best suggestions is that both gold and silver coins will still retain their numismatic value, regardless of changes in bullion prices.

What ever happens, Good Luck!

BUREAU OF THE MINT NEWS

The United States Mint is pleased to announce new offerings of Bicentennial coins and medals available for ordering the later part of this year and during 1975, Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, stated.

"The Mint had to get an early start if it was to significantly participate in celebrating the Bicentennial," Mrs. Brooks said. "And now that so many of our new projects are reaching fulfillment, we have had to make changes in our ordering cycles to permit the smooth inclusion of the new special bicentennial coins and medals programs."

Persons already on the Mint's mailing list will automatically receive order cards at the appropriate time for all special coins and medals made available by the Mint. Those not on the list may obtain order forms for the new silver bicentennial coins at local banks and Post Offices.

Following is a list of ordering periods for Bicentennial coins and medals during 1975. Please be aware that cut-off dates could be earlier than noted if orders exceed the Mint's production capacity for each separate offering and that orders are limited to a maximum of five sets, or units, per person.

Set	Order Period	Price
Three piece 40% silver Bicentennial proof set	11/15/74 - 1/31/75	\$15 per set
Three piece 40% silver Bicentennial uncirculated set	11/15/74 - 1/31/75	\$ 9 per set
Non-silver 1975 proof set (contain- ing three coins with new Bicentennial designs)	1/2/75 - 2/28/75	\$ 7 per set
Non-silver 1975 uncirculated set (includes new Bicentennial designs)	3/3/75 - 4/30/75	\$ 6 per set
America's First Medals (third unit) struck in pewter	4/1/75 - 5/30/75	\$10 per unit
America's First Medals (fourth Unit)	9/1/75 - 10/31/75	\$10 per unit

In addition, the Mint, in cooperation with the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, will take orders for the ARBA national medals during 1975. Prices and time of ordering will be announced by the ARBA.

VIRGINIA MILITARY OCCUPATION COINAGE?

Everett K. Cooper August 1974

Yes, Virginia has had a military occupation coinage. Perhaps, this is said with a degree of tongue-in-cheek and it is not the way most collectors would recognize the coinage, but it is true. If we consider a military occupation currency in the very broad definition of any medium of exchange, coin or paper, issued by an occupying military force within the borders of an occupied territory then Virginia has had several most of which are not so identified. Before we carry this to the point of absurdity, the Union army sutler token issued by those regiments on duty in Virginia during the Civil War can technically be considered as a military occupation coinage. Collectors of such tokens and paper issues collect these items as part of the field of Civil War token collecting or as a specialty of sutler tokens. For those who would consider collecting as a military coinage requires the basic research of determining which of the regiments who did issue tokens were actually in the field or camp within the Old Dominion state.

Serving as "quartermaster extraordinary" to the Civil War regiment, the civilian sutler appointed by the army brought the soldier the little extra comforts and conveniences - for a price. Whether the price was exhorbitant, or reasonable, the soldier paid. Billy Yank paid with greenback, U.S. coin, or a lien against his monthly pay of thirteen dollars. To alleviate the need for the universal scarcity of coins many army sutler would resort to his own coin-of-the-realm token which circulated freely about the regiment and perhaps when in camp among the civilian population.

As an example of one of the probable Virginia occupation coins we have that of the 54th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Sutler J.A. Garman serving the needs of this regiment issued his coin substitute while on duty within the coin-starved Confederacy. The token made in brass, probably by Childs of Chicago, was struck in a non-denomination form and later incused with its circulating value of five cents or twenty-five cents. Catalogued as Curto No. 91 it can be described as follows:

Obverse J.A. GARMAN SUTLER 54 PA. VOLS.

Reverse Spread eagle with shield on breast, encircled by 13 stars (similar to Fuld Patriotic No. 280).

Recruiting of the 54th was done in the Pennsylvania counties of Cambria, Somerset, Dauphin, Northampton, and Lehigh during the months of August and September 1861. The recruits were inducted into active service at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania under the command of Colonel James M. Campbell. After some elementary training at Camp Curtin they were then shifted to guard duty at the State Arsenal in Harrisburg. On February 27, 1862 the regiment was ordered to Washington where they camped at the Bladensburg Cemetary and yielded their ancient flintlocks for more modern Belgium-made rifles. On March 29, 1862 the regiment moved closer to the

war by occupying guard position along the much harassed Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from HARPERS FERRY to MARTINSBURG. At this date these communities were technically still part of Virginia and here the 54th remained until mid-1863. While this token is not dated it was not until late 1862 that civilians in the North experienced a scarcity of U.S. coins and the first tokens began to appear. So it can be quite safe to surmise that prior to moving into Virginia in early 1862 that the 54th would have had no need for the sutler to issue his token and in all probability these sutler tokens first appeared while on the Harpers Ferry - Martinsburg guard duty. Only very briefly did the 54th leave Virginia and this was to assist General Meade in Maryland as he moved in pursuit of the Army of Northern Virginia in the retreat from Gettysburg during July 1863. This involved a small clash with General Lee's army back in Virginia on July 19, 1863. The 1864 campaign saw the 54th in active service in the Valley at Lynchburg, Lexington, New Market (a small monument is on the field of New Market marking the participation of the 54th), Kernstown, and Berryville engagements. In the closing days of the war they were active in the Petersburg siege and participated in the capture of Fort Gregg and the chase to Appomattox. The war over, the unit was mustered out of service at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Maryland on July 15, 1865.

While the 54th Pennsylvania did not have a blazing page in the annals of military history it is a part of history and remembered now that her veterans have long gone, if in no other way, through the tokens left behind by their sutler as a quasi-military occupation currency.

WALLPAPER SPARKED STOCK TRACKING FIRM Seattle, Wash. (AP)

In the process of papering her living room walls with ornately decorated but worthless old stock certificates, Micheline Masse established a stock tracking firm that has recovered more than \$500,000 for holders of old certificates.

Miss Masse, who lives in Montreal and was interviewed during a Seattle visit, said friends gave her some old certificates for the wall papering job. Just for fun, she decided to check some of them out before applying the glue.

"While most weren't worth anything, I found one worth \$2,000 and another worth \$5,000," she said. The certificates were returned to the donors.

She began tracking down certificates for other friends and then formed her company, Stock Market Information Service Inc., in 1969.

Miss Masse says she now traces old stock for about 4,000 clients a year in the United States, Canada and abroad. They pay a \$20 fee per stock issuing company to find out whether they have wallpaper or potential cash in the bank.

In many instances, she says, a company that has gone out of business may have had some assets that are still being held in trust for stockholders.

She recalled the case of a Seattle woman whose husband purchased 100 shares of "penny" stock in Powell River Corp. in the 1930s. Miss Masse found that the company had become MacMillan Bloedel, "and with splits and dividends, the stock was worth \$18,000."

However, not all of Miss Masse's clients are so fortunate. She says only about 10 per cent of the firms she traces have stock of current commercial value. Another 10 per cent have stock that should be held although it may have no current commercial value, she said.

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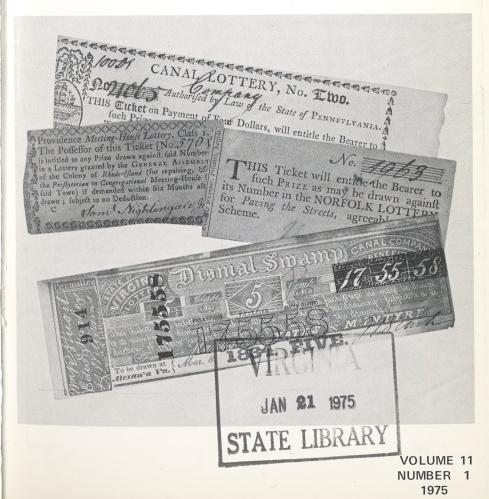


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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



If this new year is anything like last year we are in for some interesting and spectacular happenings. The Federal Hobby Protection Act of last year was a very good start in the protection of our hobby. The Act requires the word "copy" to be put on any coin or numismatic material that is duplicated so the buyer knows the piece is not an original. Still, the law does not guarantee that the practice will be followed. Gold and silver metal prices have been very un-

stable this past year. For the most part, the values of coins made from these metals have increased tremendously. This has been a mixed blessing, since the established collector has and will reap the benefits but the beginning collector with a limited amount of money to spend may be persuaded to turn to a less expensive hobby.

Now for a suggestion: We have located in our state one of the twelve Banks in the Federal Reserve System. This bank, The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, is located in the downtown area at 100 North Ninth Street. For a very interesting numismatic experience why not give Joseph F. Morrissette or Gail Patterson a call (804-648-7271) to arrange for a tour. You might be luckier than I was, they would not let me have any free samples. Also while you are there, ask about their plans for the future new Bank building, which they hope will include a museum.

To all our members, I want to express my Best Wishes for The New Year, with the hope that you will all become more involved with VNA and your local clubs, learn more about our fine hobby, help new collectors, get more members for VNA and send in some articles for The Virginia Numismatist.

Elvin Miller, President V N A

BICENTENNIAL SLOGAN CONTEST

Jack Anderson, author of The Washington Merry-Go-Round newspaper column, has started a contest that will be of interest to all Americans: a slogan to express their sentiments toward their country on its 200th birthday. A non-profit corporation, Slogans USA, has been set up to handle the slogan search. As it is today with all nations of the world, we have our troubles here in America, but it is still the best place in the world to live and work. Send in your slogan to: Slogans USA, Box 1976, Washington, D.C. You can have a lot of fun and at the same time show that most of us really do support our Country.

GOLD INVESTMENT PITFALLS NOTED

Washington (UPI) — Virginia H. Knauer, special presidential assistant for consumer affairs, warned Americans to beware of pitfalls if they invest in gold when the 40-year-old ban on private ownership of gold is lifted Dec. 31.

Here is the text of Mrs. Knauer's statement:

"Consumers may find that the purchase of gold is more of a mine-

field than a gold mine unless they are familiar with the risks.

"We have already seen signs that unscrupulous operators are setting traps for consumers. Consumers are new to the gold market, and there are no familiar guideposts to help them avoid misleading and fraudulent offers.

"Unscrupulous promoters can be expected to exploit the public's fascination with gold and its fear of inflation. Unlike other metals, the price of gold is not determined by supply and demand alone. Speculation

drives up the price, and that can be a very risky business.

"When consumers invest in gold, the first step they should take is to check the reputation of the seller. It is best to buy through someone you know and trust. If you are buying gold securities, check whether the company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or a state securities agency.

"Be wary of unsolicited letters and calls from strangers offering to sell you gold. Claims of secret new refining processes and exaggerated claims for

geological surveys are danger signals for the consumer.

"Be leery of promises of spectacular profits. The spectacular profits may be the dealer's, not yours. The small investor does not pay the price for gold that is quoted in the financial pages of the newspapers. Because he is purchasing small amounts, he will have to pay retail prices for his gold.

"Consumers should also watch out for charges in addition to the quoted price of gold. There may be refining charges, assay fees, commissions, shipping and storage fees, insurance costs and sales tax. Insist on a written statement of the terms of your purchases, such as when and how the gold will be delivered and stored and what security precautions will be taken to protect the gold from shaving or from substitution of counterfeit gold.

"Obtain a written guarantee of the weight and fineness (pureness) of the gold, and if the gold is being stored for you, be sure that it is stored in your name and that you have a receipt showing that it is stored for your ac-

count by a reputable concern such as a bank.

"And before you buy, make sure you will be able to sell. There may not be a ready market for gold in the form being offered to you. You might have to pay to have your gold reassayed."

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BLUE RIDGE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM APPEAL

The Blue Ridge Museum needs your help. Many of our members and friends have delayed their response to its needs until the Museum was an accomplished fact.

The bars on the windows and door are installed, the area is painted and the carpeting laid on the floor. The security alarm system is on order, and all other fixture requirements needed are in process, thanks to the fine work of the Museum Committee. Paul Garland has been on the job since Oct. 1st. and is working diligently to find out the best and most economical method in use in the U.S. to organize and display museum material.

The only thing that can prevent our Museum from being an outstanding success is member apathy. We believe the host of people who have assured us of their interest and support, and we believe that now is the time for action for all of us.

Sometime in January 1975 we expect to formally open the Museum to the public.

Your contribution of cash, museum quality material, or auction material, is Tax Deductible. All three types of gifts are needed as soon as possible. The need for cash is obvious. Museum quality material given now will enable our Director to properly and quickly plan for its placement in the Museum. Auction material is urgently needed as soon as possible, so that G.G. Finnell can list it in the Auction Catalog for our Auction to be conducted by him during our Convention next August in Nashville. If you so desire you may specify how you want your contribution to be used. Memorials to honor friends and loved ones are most welcome.

Send money to Mrs. Geraldine Petty, BRNA Secretary, P.O. Box 4826, Florence, S.C. 29501, and gifts of numismatic items to Paul E. Garland, Museum Director, P.O. Box 721, Camden, S.D. 29020.

William P. Rabun, Chairman, Solicitation Sub-Committee BRNA Museum

1975 V N A CONVENTION NEWS

President Elvin Miller has announced that the Bourse chairman for the VNA Annual Convention will be: Raymond G. Haymaker, RFD 1, Box 322, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422. The show is scheduled for September at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn, at Staunton, Virginia. Be sure to make your plans and reserve a weekend to visit the Valley of Virginia this fall.

Group forms to preserve Treasury history

The Treasury Historical Association, an organization which owes its creation more to history than to any individual human effort, became a year old last month.

The non-profit organization, which was established under a charter signed by former Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz on Dec. 13, 1973, has as its principal goal the preservation of the Treasury Building at 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. and other Treasury installations throughout the country.

Located across the street from the White House, the Treasury Building was dedicated as a National Historical Landmark on Oct. 18, 1972. It is the third oldest government building in continuous use in the nation's capital, dating back to 1836, and houses notable examples of architecture and

antiques from the Civil War period.

Although the Treasury Historical Association was chartered as an "inhouse" organization, with memberships open to present and former Treasury employees, members of the public interested in the maintenance and preservation of this important Federal landmark are invited to join the association also.

The charter membership role, which closed Jan. 15, 1974, included such dignitaries as Mint Director Mary Brooks; Mrs. Roman Banuelos, then Treasurer of the United States, and Mrs. Helena M. Shultz, wife of the then Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Historical Association president is Robert R. Fredlund, director of the Office of Administrative Programs. John Carlock, assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is vice president, and Sidney Sanders is

executive secretary.

The 15-member board of trustees is chaired by Undersecretary of the Treasury Edward Schmults, and includes the present Secretary of the Treasury and all former Secretaries as members.

The THA president explained that the scope of the association's interest extends beyond the main Treasury in Washington, and includes the nation's Mints, Assay Offices, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Customs Houses

and other installations under Treasury Department jurisdiction.

"Anyone interested in the preservation and enhancement of Treasury history is welcome into membership," Fredlund said. Members will receive copies of the various monographs published by the association, such as a recent publication which reviewed the history of the role played by women in the Treasury, from the very beginning of the "Treasury Girls," down through the current women occupying such top management positions as Director of the Mint and Treasurer of the United States.

Another recent monograph dealt with the movement of the Treasury from Philadelphia to Washington in 1801 and the problems which this posed for the 69 people in Treasury at that time. Scheduled for release soon is a third publication dealing with the three disastrous fires that ravaged the Treasury in the early years of the 19th century.

Members will also receive notices of events and invitations to participate in open houses, receptions and tours planned not only in conjunction with the Main Treasury, but with activities in other Treasury installations around the country.

A recent event planned by the association and hosted by the Colonial Society of Philadelphia included a visit to the Philadelphia Mint and a walking tour of that city's downtown Colonial section. Some 50 persons participated in this event.

Activities already completed, and those that are planned by the Treasury Historical Association cannot be financed with appropriated funds. Funding must be provided by membership dues, bequests, donations and sales. Readers have the opportunity to participate in the association's many worthwhile activities, while at the same time securing invaluable information through THA's ongoing monograph program and other activities.

Annual membership dues in the Treasury Historical Society are \$10. Persons interested in joining should make their remittances payable to the Treasury Historical Association, sending their checks and membership requests to the president, Robert R. Fredlund, Room 2438, Main Treasury, Washington, D.C. 20220.

BUREAU OF THE MINT NEWS

Those of our readers who intend to purchase the sets of new Bicentennial coins from the Mint but have not yet sent in their order cards are reminded to watch the cut off dates for the various sets. Orders for the three piece proof and uncirculated sets will close January 31st, and for the non-silver proof sets for 1975 will close February 28th.

An appropriation bill that had been requested for the start of work on the new mint building proposed for Denver was not passed before the close of the last Congress. This may cause some delay in the start of the building, but it is expected that a new request will be made when the new Congress begins in January.

Legislation extending the deadline for striking three national medals (Indian athlete Jim Thorpe, San Francisco cable car centennial and the Exposition at Spokane, Washington), and prohibiting the striking of national medals for public sale containing gold by non-profit organizations without specific congressional approval was passed before adjournment.

THE FOLKS WITH MONEY TO BURN

. . . even the Fed has its troubles!

In San Antonio, they turn it into roofing felt. In Dallas, they grind it up and haul it away as drilling mud. But in San Francisco, they do not quite know what to do with it.

It is money - worn-out paper currency that the Federal Reserve must dispose of at each of its regional banks. The San Francisco Fed has been burning it, only to find itself cited for violating local air pollution rules 13 times in the last two years. In 1974 alone, the granite bank in the heart of the city's financial district has been cited six times, and it faces fines of \$500 per infraction This week, understanding environment officials gave the bank until next May to come up with a solution.

The problem is that the currency, though worn, torn, and discolored, is difficult to destroy. It is made of 75% cotton and 25% linen, and its ink contains iron oxide and lead - a compound designed to achieve an average circulation life of 18 months. "Processes that destroy paper and other trash are largely unsuccessful in destroying currency," sighs Wesley De Vries, senior vice-president of the local Fed.

No fitting answer. Last week, the San Francisco Fed reported that several alternate methods of destroying "unfit" currency, which is picked out daily by 40 full-time sorters, have failed in pilot tests. Claude Woessner, assistant vice-president in charge of currency destruction at the bank, says the problem is finding the proper equipment to destroy the bills on the bank's premises, as the U.S. Treasury demands, while still fitting into the building. The local bank has no room to attach scrubbers to the 1947-vintage, batch-feed incinerator. And wet maceration, which used liquid chemicals to destroy the almighty dollar, creates water pollution and handling problems.

Dry maceration - using a hammermill - is another Treasury-approved technique, but it could create serious dust, noise, and vibration that may violate OSHA standards. Besides, installing the large rotary drum, cyclones, and dust collectors in the bank would be difficult. And there would still be a solid-waste problem: The dense paper money would be turned to dusty fluff several times its volume.

Although the San Francisco Fed is unenthusiastic about the hammermill, six of the other 35 Federal Reserve banks and branches, which destroy 2.7-billion bills a year, are using the hammermill instead of conventional incineration. The Dallas bank is happy with the hammermill that for five years has occupied space on two floors and chewed up tons of money. The "destruction team" wears hearing guards for protection against the 94 decibels of noise, and though others in the bank can hear the noise, Assistant Vice-President Richard Ingram insists "it is not near any danger level."

As for the fluff, Ingram reports some ingenious solutions. Ninety-pound bales are hauled by the carload to the Davis Mud Co. of Great Bend, Kan., where they are used like drilling mud. The San Antonio branch turns the fluff into roofing felt, while Philadelphia converts it into wall plates for electric switches.

Feeding the fires. Other banks are happily burning cash in traditional incinerators. New York's Fed burns 410-million pieces of money, and Los Angeles, the third biggest burner after Chicago, incinerates 167-million bills a year in a clean-burning incinerator, which an official says is like a "loaded Cadillac," with mixing chambers, afterburners, and scrubbers.

The San Francisco bank is pinning its hopes on pyrolysis, which decomposes waste in an oxygen-free oven and on a process using "starved air" incineration. Pyrolysis has been used successfully for large-volume waste disposal and is said to hold "a lot of promise." But Woessner questions whether it could be efficient in smaller-scale operations.

Although federal agencies are not subject to local pollution-control ordinances, Woessner insists, "We are trying to do everything by the book. We have a serious problem and are trying hard to find devices that will completely destroy money in an ecologically clean way." He has even joked about using silverfish, but feels this biological degradation process would be too slow.

While San Francisco is reportedly the only bank in the system to suffer the ignominy of being cited for air pollution, the U.S. Treasury itself was recently reproached by the District of Columbia Health Dept. for occasionally polluting the skies during its daily burns. Orion H. Tomkinson, the Treasury official in charge of currency destruction for both the Treasury and the Fed, concedes that the city has given the Treasury a "one-year grace period" to cut the smoke.

"Money is hell to destroy," Woessner concludes. If a clean method is not found, he adds, "I just don't know what we'll do. We don't have the vault space to store it all."

NATIONAL COIN WEEK - 1975

From ANA headquarters at Colorado Springs comes word that the 51st celebration of National Coin Week is now in the planning stages.

Maurice M. Gould, chairman for both the 1974 and 1975 events, has announced a contest will again be held to obtain a slogan for the occasion with the winning theme being announced February 15, 1975. Everyone is urged to submit entries; anyone is eligible whether a member of the ANA or not. The contest winner will be designated Honorary Chairman of the 51st National Coin Week and will receive a recognition plaque as well. Last year's contest brought in more than 1000 entries. Guidelines for NCW activities will be available from ANA headquarters in the near future. Theme suggestions should be sent to: NCW Theme, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.

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news of our clubs

Meherrin Valley Coin Club

The annual dinner meeting of the Meherrin Valley Coin Club was held at Tommie's Restaurant, Boykins, Virginia on Wednesday evening, December 11. There were 21 members present and three visitors, including our good friend, James A. Johnson of Richmond. Jimmy is a member of the Richmond Coin Club, the A N A and is on the Board of Directors of V N A. Our club member Howard A. Spain is also on the V N A Board of Directors. Jimmy gave an interesting program on past history in this part of the country, and also gave some humorous incidents that had occurred during his experiences in coin collecting.

Officers elected at a previous meeting were installed at this time by outgoing President Bill Earley: George Scott, President; Jack Beale, Vice-President and W. Delbroe Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer. The Past-President's Plaque was presented to retiring Bill Early with appropriate remarks.

Virginia Peninsula Coin Club

Featured at the November meeting was a program presented by the junior members, including a short talk on gold coins. These younger members did a good job of running the meeting.

After a Swap Night and Show and Tell period at the December meeting, the officers for the year of 1975 were elected. They are: President - Gerard Chambers; Vice-President - Carolyn Gearhart; Sec-Treas - Tom Hix and Sgtat-Arms - Harry Holland. The new officers will be inducted at the annual dinner meeting on February 17, 1975.

Washington Numismatic Association

Speaker at the November meeting was Senor Jose Olloqui, Mexican Ambassador to the United States, who also showed slides of the 30 most interesting coins of Mexico. In December, a brief discussion on the pros and cons of gold ownership and collecting was led by Karl E. Hoke. New officers for the coming year are: President - Sedgewick Moss; 1st V P - Diane R. Dietz; 2nd V P - Karl E. Hoke; Secretary - Mae Clarke; Treasurer - Eldridge G. Jones; Sgt-at-Arms - Tom Rogers; Board of Governors: A.A. Butland, Arthur Aron, George Vander Wende and Raphael Shnirman.

Salem Coin Club

Final meetings for the year were held at the Salem Civic Center. The slate of officers for the new year is: President - Larry Booth; V-P - Dean Davis; Secretary - Sheri Booth; Treasurer - Bob Pflrger; Corr Sec - Chas. Theimer; Board of Directors - E.B. Thrasher, Jr., Ed Caldwell, Ken Eckels and Glen Thomas.

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Covington Coin Club

The Covington Coin Club held its 16th Annual Christmas Party at Reid's Blue Room in Covington. Despite the freezing rain, there were 36 in attendance. The tables were decorated with candle arrangements, which were later given as door prizes. Silver dollars were also given away at intervals throughout the evening. Wooden nickels, date books and 74-S cents were used as favors at each place. Santa made his appearance, thrilling the smaller children with gifts. Officers for the coming year are: President - Ray Haymaker; V-P - Jim Beard; Secretary - Dell Haymaker; Treasurer - Marjorie Beard; Board of Directors - Ernest Byer, Kathleen Gregory, Roscoe Armentrout, Ruby Miller and Henry Barr. After 16 years the Club has had to raise dues from one to two dollars.

Shenandoah Valley Coin Club

The Club's Annual Banquet was held at Armstrong's Restaurant. Results of the election of officers for the coming year will be reported next month.

Tidewater Israel Numismatic Society

At the November meeting a film "The 5 Pound Commemorative Coins of Israel" was shown and the officers for next year were elected: President - Milton Becker; V-P-A.I. Axelrod; Secretary - Larry Miller; Treasurer - Henry Ullman; Board of Directors - Bill Bailey, Dr. Howard Kahn, Ted Maroulis, Mrs. David Nesson and Phil Weiner. Instead of a regular meeting, a Hanukkah Party was held at the Jewish Community Center in December.

Tidewater Coin Club

At the November meeting, held at the White Heron Motel & Yacht Club in Virginia Beach, members, families and guests heard a presentation on High Intensity Targets by Officer Hightower of the Virginia Beach Police Department. In December a special Christmas Party meeting was held at the Lake Wright Motor Lodge. Plans are now being made for the Annual Banquet to be held at the Mariner Resort Motor Inn in Virginia Beach on Friday, March 21st, 1975 - tickets can be purchased from Mr. Jim Boyle at \$7.50 each, by calling him at 583-2039. The dinner will be followed by the Annual Coin-A-Rama at the same location on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23, 1975. Exhibitors are asked to call Mr. Buddy Axlerod at 428-1927 about spaces available. A coin auction will also be a feature of the Show. Club members are saddened by the passing in December of Mr. Phil Weiner, a charter member and long time worker for the Club.

Southside Numismatic Association

The Petersburg area Club is making plans for their spring show, to be held at the Eagles Home in downtown Petersburg, on April 26 and 27. Show hours are from 10 AM to 8 PM on Saturday and from 10 AM to 6 PM on Sunday. All collectors are invited to come by and enjoy the hospitality at their first two day show.

Will Virginia get in the lottery business?

According to the newspapers, the first legislative step has been taken that could lead Virginia to join some thirteen other states in setting up a state-

operated lottery.

A subcommittee of the House of Delegates General Laws Committee voted unanimously recently to recommend that the Virginia legislature approve a state lottery. The chairman of the committee, one of the proponents of the lottery, said he thought the General Assembly would consider the measure "very seriously," although he declined to predict its chances for passage. In the past he has said he believed the state would be well advised to go to a lottery as a source of additional tax income at a time when revenues are not what officials had expected them to be.

However, Governor Mills Godwin repeated his opposition to the proposal during a recent news conference: "Even as critical as the state financial picture is, I would hope we haven't come to the point where the General Assembly has to resort to gambling devices to provide money for the state,"

the governor said.

A referendum in November, 1970, empowered the General Assembly to repeal the state's constitutional provision against lotteries. In recent months, the subcommittee held hearings in five areas of the state to determine whether Virginia should have a state lottery, and if so, how it should be administered and what form it should take.

According to a poll conducted by a Richmond newspaper, members of the legislature apparently aren't too keen on the idea of a state lottery but would prefer it to more taxation to boost state revenues. Even though the overall approach to a lottery was negative, it drew far more support than did any suggestion for increasing tobacco, whiskey, income or sales taxes. With 1975 being an election year for both senators and delegates, the antitax posture of those responding to the poll was not unexpected.

As in the past, opposition to the lottery was based mainly on the grounds that it would tarnish Virginia's moral image and open the door to organized

crime.

In the light of these developments, a review of the history of lotteries is presented here.

Lotteries are not new, there are references in both the old and new testaments to the casting of lots to settle matters. According to the dictionary, the word lottery is derived from the word lot, which seems most likely to be of Teutonic origin, although other languages had words similar in sound and meaning. Today, it is generally considered to be a scheme for the distribution of prizes by lot, especially such a one in which lots, or chances, are sold.

Forms of the lottery were used by Augustus, Nero and other Roman emperors to finance building projects and enhance imperial revenue. After the fall of Rome, feudal princes of Europe continued the custom. Venice

had a government monopoly on lotteries, using them as a form of taxation. Francis I of France established a government lottery in 1539, and this came to play a role in France's fiscal policies. In England, the first lottery of record was announced in 1569 with Queen Elizabeth I as patroness. In 1612, when the Virginia Company of London was having trouble raising enough money to support the settlers at Jamestown in Virginia, the king agreed to grant a new charter, including the power to conduct a lottery, to be held in England. Later on, various American Colonies sponsored lotteries, used to finance the construction of buildings and transportation improvements, as well as to cover the cost of troops in the French and Indian War. In 1776 the Congress tried to raise about one million dollars for troops, but was not successful. Some thousands of lotteries were promoted through the years, but by the end of the 19th century legislation outlawed much of this activity. Recently, legal lotteries are returning to favor.



At the present time, government-run lotteries are thriving in all parts of the world. They have even been used in Russia. Many countries do not charge income-tax on lottery winnings, since the lotteries themselves are a form of taxation. Last October people from over 48 countries attended The Ninth Internation Congress of State Lotteries, a five day meeting held in Brasilia, Brazil, to exhange information.

One writer states: "The use of the lottery is not limited to state or national governments and their tax-raising authorities. Lotteries are common to the American social and cultural scene on many different levels. The federal government selects the order in which young men will be called into military service by means of a lottery, and has done so for more than a century, starting with the Civil War. Bingo and raffles are forms of lotteries, along with the nationally advertised "sweepstakes." The United States Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management) holds noncompetitive public drawings each month to afford all citizens over the age of 21 years an equal opportunity to own oil and gas lease rights on lands owned by the Federal Government.

Probably the best known lottery in the world at the present time is the Irish Sweepstakes, which in one form or another goes back over 200 years. Irish Sweepstake tickets cost \$3.00 apiece, and the top prize is well over one hundred thousand dollars. Since it is illegal just about everywhere but in Ireland, poses problems to both sellers and buyers of the tickets. Tickets, stubs and money must all be smuggled in and out to buy the tickets and pay off the winners. Tidewater residents will recall the time in 1961 when customs agents seized a small boat and two men in the James River when they attempted to bring a large quantity of tickets from a freighter onto shore, for later distribution throughout the country.

It would seem that the first lottery for Americans was the one for the English settlers at Jamestown in Virginia, by the Virginia Company of London, in England. The merchant group that organized the Virginia Company was under heavy obligations to support the colony, so in the year 1612 the Company petitioned the Crown and received a new charter from the King granting the power to conduct a lottery. Tickets were sold all over England for several years, but this was stopped by the House of Commons in 1620.

The lottery was one of the more popular forms of raising capital from the colonial period up until the Civil War. Some thousands of them were used, from private individuals to licensed ones approved by local, state and the federal government. Fully one third of the lotteries of this period were for internal improvements, while many others were for churches, buildings and schools or colleges.

According to one writer, Virginia was more tolerant toward lotteries than the other colonies. While legislation was passed that outlawed all except government-approved lotteries, it came much later. He submits that the eminence of those involved in lotteries in Virginia was surely a factor. George Washington was a frequent ticket buyer and he also served as a lottery patron. William Fairfax, George Mason, Col. William Fitzhugh, were associated with lotteries. Virginia's first legislatively-sponsored lottery, conducted in 1754, was intended to raise 6,000 pounds to build fortifications during the French and Indian War.

Two of the more interesting early lotteries involved the Federal Government:

The first one was the "United States Lottery" approved by the Continental Congress in 1776, as one of the methods to raise money for the conduct of the War. Due to the depreciation of the Continental Currency, the lottery never raised the more than one million dollars they hoped for.

The second was one of the more criticized lotteries of the time, meant to raise money to build the nation's capital city. This became known as the "Federal Lottery." Land for the city, a piece 10 miles square, was ceded by the states of Maryland and Virginia for the purpose. Major L'Enfant was to design the city which was given the name of "Washington." Started in 1773 by the year 1799 it had not been successful and was terminated.

During the middle part of the 19th century, much opposition to lotteries came on religious and moral grounds, and from cases of fraud and scandal. During this time various state governments passed laws forbidding the operation of lotteries within the state boundaries.



The straw that broke the camel's back came in the form of The Louisiana Lottery, which was called the wildest betting spree in the nation's history. As the Louisiana Lottery was developing and expanding, other lotteries were collapsing. Tickets were sold in most of the larger cities of the country. Then opposition increased within Louisiana, and finally even the offer of the sum of one and a quarter million dollars was not sufficient to get the charter renewed.

After an hiatus of many years, during the 1960's many states began to look for alternatives to increased taxes to help raise money needed to ease the pinch on the taxpayer, and began to again look with favor on the use of

lotteries to raise the funds.

Those opposed to present-day lotteries argue that as a form of gambling it is immoral, and could only lead to further corruption. They state that the thirty billion dollar a year illegal gambling funds estimated each year in the United States furnish a cash flow that finances the operations of narcotics, prostitution, whiskey, bribery, etc. of the underworld. Some also say the odds aren't as good in them.

When the matter has been put to a vote, the ayes seem to have outnumbered the nays. Thirteen states have approved the operation of lotteries within their borders. Where they have been started, rigid controls have been set up to monitor their operations. Now other states are showing interest in this form of fund raising.

Last fall the U.S. Attorney for the State of Maine spread concern and consternation among the states conducting lotteries, when he pledged to enforce the letter of federal law. But the Justice Department has called for a moratorium on prosecution while its criminal division lawyers study the complex relation of federal law and state law and come up with a recommendation. The Attorney General told a Senate judiciary subcommittee that he supported legislation proposed to the Congress that would permit mailing and broadcasting lottery information within a state, but prohibiting interstate activity. Such a bill was passed before the end of the 93rd Congress.

Let us hope that the operations and results of the lotteries are as simon pure as their proponents say they are.

In the meantime, look at the lottery tickets pictured here, and see if you can find some of your own - just for the fun of it.

Note

I am endebted to Mr. Philip G. Nordell of Pennsylvania for much of the material shown here. He has the finest collection of lottery tickets and related items and is the best informed person concerning them of anyone I know.

Calendar of Coin Shows

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Northern Virginia Coin Club	Community Center Vienna	January 25-26
Monticello Coin Club	Mt. Vernon Motel Charlottesville	March 1 & 2
Tidewater Coin Club	Mariner Resort Motor Inn Virginia Beach	March 22-23
Southside Numismatic Association	Eagles Home Petersburg	April 26-27

WORLD COIN NEWS GOES TO EVERY OTHER WEEK PUBLICATION DATE

Krause Publications of Iola, Wisconsin, has announced that the tabloid-type publication "World Coin News" will be issued every other week, starting with the first of the year. Advertising volume and circulation have both increased at a very satisfactory rate, according to editor Russell Rulau. Collectors of world coins will find much of interest in each issue.

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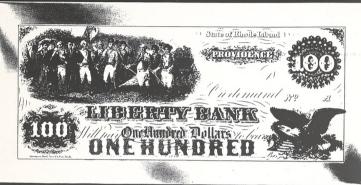
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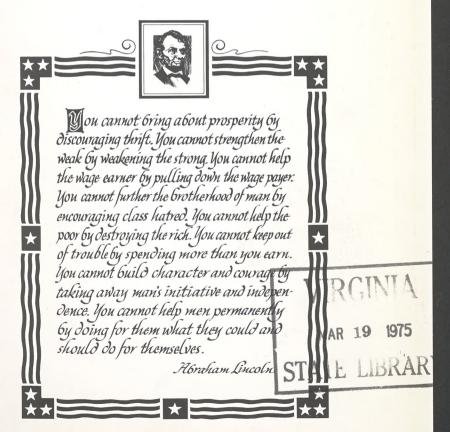






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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



It's now time to start planning for National Coin Week, which this year will be April 20 - 26th. This is an opportune time to make the general public more aware of our very interesting hobby. So why don't you stop in at your local bank, library, jewelry store or some other place that a display could be set up safely, and ask to use the space to show some part of your collection. A card stating that NCW is sponsored in Virginia by

VNA and your local club would be appropriate.

The next VNA Board of Directors meeting will be held Saturday, April 26, at 12:30 PM at the Annual Show by the Southside Virginia Numismatic Association in Petersburg, at the Eagle's Home on Franklin Street. The Board meetings are open to the membership and I hope that some of you will join us there.

I am pleased to announce that Frank and Laurese Katen, P.O. Box 4047, Colesville Station, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904, will conduct a public auction and mail bid sale in conjunction with our 17th Annual Convention. This will be at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn, Staunton, Virginia, on September 26, 27 and 28, 1975. Anyone having material that they wish to have included in this nationally advertised auction should write the Katens at the above address. This auction offers a unique opportunity for collectors across the country to get the best exposure and the highest prices for Virginia numismatic items by new owners who will appreciate them.

Be sure to reserve this week end to come to the beautiful Valley of Virginia in the colorful fall season and enjoy the fellowship at VNA.

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Taken from the January issue of Nation's Business

A BANK IS BATTLING A FOE OF FAMILIES

Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago has found that hundreds of thousands of American families suffer from varying degrees of "financial illiteracy." It is trying to do something about that.

Chronic overindebtedness is prevalent at all social and economic levels, according to James A. Matthews, vice president in charge of consumer credit. He says:

"Our own experience has borne out national statistics which show that problems caused by the inability to manage personal finances occur in people of all ages—at all salary levels . . . whether they are married, single, divorced or widowed . . . and regardless of job tenure."

In the mid-1960s, before most of today's consumer protection laws were on the statute books, Continental came up with the idea of providing basic education in personal money management. It reasoned that a bank was uniquely qualified to fill an obvious gap in consumer education. Also that, for it, the long-term payoff of such instruction would be additional customers — people who previously were unable to understand financial services or who were simply afraid of banks and banking.

Continental called in an outside educational consulting firm to produce a personal money management course for high school students. Later, a course tailored for adult wage earners was developed.

The idea caught on. Now in its seventh year, the Family Financial Education Program is being employed in both public and private high schools throughout Chicago, where 100,000 sets of FFEP instruction materials are provided free of charge. It also is being used in adult education classes.

In 1971, Continental offered FFEP to other banks outside Chicago. Some 700 have purchased the course, so that it now is being used in approximately 3,000 other high schools in 49 states.

A bank in Arizona, and another in Rhode Island, paid the cost of issuing the materials to every school system in their respective states.

Hugh T. Cummings, a Continental trust officer in charge of administering FFEP, says:

"Most participants indicate that the course is a true learning experience and that they find it interesting and helpful in their own personal situations."

LIFE INSURANCE — IT GOES BACK A LONG WAY

"The Corporation for the Relief of Poor and Distressed Presbyterian Ministers and of the Poor and Distressed Widows and Children of Presbyterian Ministers."

That's the name of the first life insurance company in the United States and it has just celebrated its 215th anniversary. Today, it goes by the more

widely name of Presbyterian Ministers' Fund.

While life insurance in the U.S. traces its origin back to the founding of this company in 1759, the concept of indemnification for loss of life goes back at least 3,700 years to ancient Babylon, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

The first known reference to it appears in the Code of Hammurabi. Among other things, this set of laws promulgated by a Babylonian king made cities and governors responsible for the safety and property of merchants passing through their lands. If a merchant was killed by brigands, said the Code, "the city and governor shall pay one mina of silver to his people."

Burial societies were formed in early Greece and Rome. Members paid monthly fees which were offered to the gods. But, increasingly, these societies switched to using the money to pay burial costs and to give financial assistance to the families of deceased members.

ILI says it wasn't until the Nineteenth Century that the idea of life insurance as a protection for dependents really began to spread. A notable insuree of that era was Napoleon Bonaparte, whose Lloyd's of London policy even covered the contingency of his being captured by an enemy.

Benjamin Franklin was an admirer of the idea of life insurance and, under the idea of life insurance and, under the nom de plume of "Silence DoGood," he wrote:

"Many a widow and orphan have great reason to be thankful that the advantage of life assurance was understood and embraced by the husband and father. A large amount has been paid . . . to widows and orphans when it formed almost their only resource."

The concept of life insurance gained widespread popularity in the United States as the public's demand for financial security kept steadily increasing.

Today, according to ILI, some 145 million persons - two out of every three people in the country — are protected by life insurance.

The average amount of coverage for each insured family was \$28,800 in 1973, which was an increase of \$1,900 over the previous year.

ANA NEWS

I - National Coin Week Date Set.

The 51st National Coin Week will be celebrated April 20 - 26th, 1975. All numismatists are encouraged to participate by Maurice M. Gould, chairman of the annual event.

N C W guidelines will soon be available from A N A headquarters. Anyone wanting more information may write to: National Coin Week, A N A Headquarters, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.

Suggested activities for Virginia numismatists are: Displays in banks, store windows, libraries and other secure locations; talks to other organizations in your area; publicity in papers, radio and television programs; working with the Scouts and the schools.

II - A N A Museum Opened

The opening of the new A N A museum galleries on January 18th marked the beginning of a new era in the history of the American Numismatic Association. The galleries - Americana I and II and Modern Medallic Art - are the only ones of their kind west of the Mississippi River.

Among the many dignitaries on hand to assist at the ribbon cutting were A N A officials President Virginia Culver and members of the Board of Governors; Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint; Roy Cahoon, with the Mint; Betty Higby, Superintendent of the Denver Mint; and William Krieg, Vice President of the Franklin Mint.

At present there are several displays in honor of the approaching Bicentennial celebration. During Mrs. Brooks' visit to Colorado Springs, she loaned the ANA a set of the ten antique finished pewter reproductions of America's first medals and also left for public display a set of the new Bicentennial coins, featuring reverses which will be found on all quarters, half dollars and dollars struck for circulation and issued after July 4, 1975.

Calendar of Coin Shows

Club	Location	Date
Tidewater Coin Club	Mariner Resort Motor Inn Virginia Beach	March 22 - 23
Salem Coin Club	Crossroads Shopping Center Roanoke	April 18 - 20
Southside Numismatic Association	Eagles Home, Franklin St., Petersburg	April 26 - 27
Shenandoah Numismatic Society	George Washington Hotel Winchester	May 24 - 25
Maryland State Numismatic Association	Baltimore Hilton Inn & Club Reisterstown Road Baltimore Beltway	June 7 - 8
Canadian Numismatic Association	Calgary, Alberta Canada	July 14 - 16
Virginia Numismatic Association	Ingleside Red Carpet Inn Staunton	Sept. 26 - 28

MUSEUM SET TO OPEN ...

BLUE RIDGE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM SET TO OPEN Paul E. Garland

This long planned museum is about to become a reality. Situated in Historic Camden, S.C., in a magnificent building, surrounded by splendid grounds, the planned opening is set for February 24th, 1975. A Grand Opening is planned for the weekend of June 20 - 22, 1975.

The theme of the museum is the South and it's fiscal past: covering all of the Southern States, from Colonial and Territorial days, through the

war for Southern independence, to the present day.

The museum is sponsored by the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association. B.R.N.A. is the regional organization for the South. It's Executive Board is made up of a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, two Board Members at Large, plus a Board Member from each Southern State. The organization has over two thousand active members, and it's conventions are held yearly in the South.

The museum is supported by its members, through donations of materials and outright gifts of cash. Eventually the museum hopes to house a complete set of coins from each of the 3 mints that have operated in the South, plus paper money from all of the Southern States and the Confederate States of America. The Mother organization will hold a donated auction once each year at its Annual Convention for the benefit of the museum. It is hoped that each of the Southern State organizations will eventually do likewise. In this manner the museum will be able to establish a student research center of Southern History, where any student will be able to come and do research work.

Plans are well underway for the grand opening, with many dignitaries from the Numismatic World in attendance. Any and all members of any Numismatic Club are invited. The Camden and Sumter Coin Clubs are holding a joint show near the museum on June 20 - 22, 1975 to help celebrate the Grand Opening,

A security system second to none has recently been installed, with the City of Camden footing half of the bill. New carpeting has been laid throughout. The building is very large and very appropriate for a museum. We invite your participation in our aim of establishing a museum of Southern History for posterity. The Director may be contacted at P.O. Box 721, Camden, S.C. 29020.

news of our clubs

Shenandoah Numismatic Society

The Shenandoah Numismatic Society of Winchester will hold its annual coin show at the George Washington Hotel on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25th. For further information write the show chairman, Mr. W.P. Massey, Jr., Capron River Road, Yellow Spring, West Virginia 26865.

Salem Coin Club

Plans are now being made at the Club meetings at the Salem Civic Center for their next Coin Show at the Crossroads Shopping Center on April 18, 19 and 20. For information concerning tables, etc., please write to Mr. L.W. Booth, President, P.O. Box 1991, Roanoke, Virginia 24009, or call at 703-387-1771.

Virginia Peninsula Coin Club

Snow in January forced the cancellation of the club meeting at the Elks Club in Hampton. At the annual dinner meeting in February, the new officers were installed by Past President Bernie Littlepage. Plaques were awarded to the Past President and to the members that brought displays. Best of Show prize was won by the incoming Vice President, Caroline Gearhart, for a display featuring the eagle at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia and coins with eagles on them. Billy Hannah won the Junior Award for his display. The buffet dinner was enjoyed by all present. It was learned that the March meeting would have to be on the 31st of the month, rather than on the regular third Monday date.

Washington Numismatic Society

January was awards night, with congratulations to the outgoing officers for a job well done. In February, a panel discussion was held on the theme - "Numismatics" 75 - Trends and Forecasts".

It was announced that the officers and directors of the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association are very pleased that gifts to area retarded children's funds totaled \$6,000.00 as a result of the very successful show held last July.

Fredericksburg Coin Club

One of the VNA slide programs was sent to Fredericksburg for their February meeting. Club members are making plans for monthly meetings and spring activities.

Tidewater Coin Club

Monthly Club meetings featured talks by Mr. Ocie M. Ballance on Civil War Tokens and by Mr. Ted Maroulis on British Type Copper Pennies. New officers elected for the coming year are: Pres-Morton S. Ronick; V-P-Jim

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Boyle; Sec-James E. Morris; Treas-Ted Maroulis; Directors-A.I. Axelrod, John Balchunis, Milton J. Becker, Larry Miller and Sam Unger.

It was announced that Mayor Curtis Payne has officially proclaimed the week of March 17 to 23rd as "International Coin Week in Virginia Beach" prior to the opening of the 14th Annual Coin-A-Rama. The Show will be held at the Mariner Motor Hotel at 57th Street and Ocean Front, Virginia Beach, on March 22 and 23. The annual banquet and installation of officers will be held at the Motel on Friday night, March 21st. Remember, admission to the Show is free and the public is invited to attend.

Southside Numismatic Association

The first meeting of 1975 was highlighted by a very exciting special auction sale with Auctioneer Nick Stofli offering many "bargains" from his private stock. Nick, assisted by junior member Bob Marcinkowski had great difficulty in hearing any but the opening bid. Best of all, Nick has promised another "bargain night" to spur attendance.

New officers elected for the coming year are: Pres-Gearld Perry; V-P-Lawrence Chavis; Sec-Treas-John Copeland; Asst Sec-Tr-Michael Crowson; Program Chairman-George Tucker; Auctioneers-Lawrence Chavis and Nick Stolfi; Board Members-Lou Doucet, Jake Holton, John Copeland, J.C. Kollman and Homer Catron. Outgoing President Lou Doucet presented letters of appreciation to Danny Robinson, Jake Holton, Gearld Perry and Nick Stolfi. The public is invited to attend their first 2 day show at the Eagles Home on Franklin Street in Petersburg, April 26 and 27.

Tidewater Israel Numismatic Society

The First Annual Chanukka Party was a great success - the new officers were installed and a fine program was given. The members were all invited to attend the Coin-A-Rama at Virginia Beach in March. Several members and their families plan to join the tour to Israel.

Monticello Coin Club

Members and officers of the club were pleased with the coin show held at the Mt. Vernon Motel. Both bourse and exhibit tables were filled and interesting to the visitors.

BOOK REVIEWS

United States Pattern, Experimental and Trial Pieces, by J. Hewitt Judd, M.D., Fifth Edition, Western Publishing Company or your local coin dealer

This new fifth edition of Dr. Judd's book, revised with the assistance of Walter Breen and Abe Kosoff, is a valuable addition to the library of everyone that is seriously interested in the history of the United States coins.

The words of Patterson DuBois, written in 1883, are as true today as then: "Open for me your cabinet of Patterns, and I will open for you a record,

which, but for these half-forgotten witnesses, would have disappeared under the finger of Time. Read to me their catalogue, and I read to you, in part, at least, the story of an escape from the impracticable schemes of visionaries and hobbyists - a tale of national deliverance from minted evil. These are to be enjoyed as bygones, though there linger a fear for the spark that still smoulders under the ashes. Laws have been framed for them, words have warred over them. Now, only these live to tell the tale of what 'might have been'; only these remind us of what has been weighed, measured and set aside among the things that are not appropriate, not convenient, not artistic, in short, that are not wanted."

Historically, pattern and experimental pieces form one of the most interesting and instructive divisions of our national numismatics. Because it was customary for the mint to provide samples of the proposed coinage as soon as the bill authorizing such an issue had been presented, these pieces illustrate the various changes proposed for our monetary system and form a metallic record of the many phases in the economic development of our country. The study of these pieces will reveal the origin and development of many of the denominations, mottoes and designs, which were later adopted and used for our regular coinage.

New materials have been added since the previous editions, but as a sign of the times, the biggest difference is in the estimated values.

A Guide Book of Mexican Coins - 1822 to Date, by T.V. Buttrey and Clyde Hubbard, Second Edition, Western Publishing Company or your local coin dealer

Starting with the end of the revolution against Spanish rule, this handy volume covers the coinage of Mexico, our closest neighbor to the south, from 1822 to recent times. Up until 1857, this coinage, along with that of other foreign countries, was legal tender in the United States. Since than, travelers, business men and collectors have all been interested in them. Many illustrations and chronological listings assist in finding the data needed about the metallic coinage of the modern era of our friends from The Estados Unidos Mexicanos.

BOOK REVIEW

Guidebook of Franklin Mint Issues, by Virginia Culver and Chester L. Krause, First Edition, Krause Publications, Inc., or your local coin dealer \$6.50

A valuable addition to the library of all collectors of the more than $8,\!000$ numismatic items issued by Franklin Mint has just been released by the publisher. The Guidebook of Franklin Mint Issues covers all numismatic

issues from 1965 through 1973. This includes the official monetary coins struck by the mint under authorization of seven foreign governments since 1969.

In addition to the official coinage listed, the guidebook covers tokens, commemorative issues, individual medallic issues, art series, promotional issues, silver ingots, collector plates, Christmas ornament issues, fine art plaques, special spoon issues, and the Gilroy Roberts Zodiac medals. Besides the individual listings, the guidebook provides complete mintage figures and detailed information on size, metallic composition, year of issue, and issue prices. Especially helpful to collectors and dealers is the current market value for each piece.



The Guidebook of Franklin Mint Issues is co-authored by Virginia Culver and Chester L. Krause. Mrs. Culver is a past president of the Token and Medal Society and the current president of the ANA. Chet Krause is the publisher of many well known numismatic papers and magazines.

MARYLAND STATE SEMINAR IN BALTIMORE

The Maryland State Numismatic Association, Millersville, Maryland, recently held its third annual seminar at the Evergreen House, home of one of the finest collections of coins in the world. The house and collection is a legacy to the Johns-Hopkins University from the John Works Garret Estate.

Henry K. Westphal, MSNA president, opened the seminar by introducing John B. Henry, founder of the MSNA. In addition to a most informative talk on early Maryland Colonial currency, Henry exhibited his excellent collection of notes.

Carl W.A. Carlson, curator of numismatics for Johns-Hopkins University, spoke on the ancient coinages of Egypt, Greece and Rome. Slides exhibiting many coins accompanied the talk.

On display at the house were numerous coin collections valued at well over a million dollars. These exhibits included Brasher doubloons, Annapolis shillings, Colonial coinage of New England, Barry tokens and Willow, Pine and Oak Tree specimens.

The occasion was deemed a success by all who attended.

STRASBURG MUSEUM MEDAL

The Museum at Strasburg has issued a silver dollar size medal in bronze and silver. Bronze medals will be issued in an unlimited quantity, but only 520 numbered silver medals will be struck. Designed by artist Barbara H. Walker, the Strasburg Museum is shown on the obverse and the reverse depicts Signal Knob, Massanutten Mountain, The Battle of Cedar Creek and the Battle of Fishers Hill.





Of the silver medals, No. 1 will be presented to President Ford, No. 2 to Governor Godwin, No. 3 to Mayor Funk of Strasburg, No. 4 to the president of the Southern Railway and No. 5 to the designer, Barbara H. Walker. It is hoped that as many of the silver medals as possible will be sold in the State of Virginia.

Built for a steam pottery, the Museum building was later used by the Southern Railway as a depot and freight station. At the present time, it has displays of local items from early settlers, railroad items and Civil War materials. It is open from May 10th to September 1st.

The loss by the Confederate Army of the Battles of Cedar Creek and Fishers Hill opened the way for Federal troops to invade the bread basket of the South and hasten the fall of the Confederacy.

The bronze medals are priced at \$1.75 and the silver ones at \$20.50, and will be a nice addition to your collection of Virginia history.

WAR MEDALS OF THE CONFEDERACY by Bauman L. Belden

We are endebted to Mr. Leslie A. Elam, Director, The American Numismatic Society, for his gracious permission to reproduce, several pages at a time, the article "War Medals of the Confederacy," published in The American Journal of Numismatics in 1915.

This part of the history of the Confederate States of America should be of interest to all Virginians, and VNA is pleased to be able to share it with our readers.

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On the 13th of October, 1862, the following act was approved by the Confederate Congress:

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to bestow medals with proper devices upon such officers of the armies of the Confederate States as shall be conspicuous for courage and good conduct on the field of battle; and also to confer a badge of distinction upon one private or noncommissioned officer of each company after every signal victory it shall have assisted to achieve. The noncommissioned officers and privates of the company who may be present on the first dress parade thereafter may choose, by a majority of their votes, the soldier best entitled to receive such distinction, whose name shall be communicated to the President by commanding officers of the company; and if the award fall upon a deceased soldier, the badge thus awarded him shall be delivered to his widow, or, if there be no widow, to any relative the President may adjudge entitled to receive it.

This act was published in an order from the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General, at Richmond, on the 22nd of November, 1862, and a "Roll of Honor" was prepared, bearing the names of those considered worthy of rewards provided for in it. The medal and badge of distinction were never conferred, and there is no record of any medal having been prepared, for this or any other purpose, by the Confederate Government; it follows, therefore, that what we can class as Confederate War Medals emanated from other sources.

THE DAVIS GUARD MEDAL

For the defense of Sabine Pass, Texas, September 8, 1863. A Mexican silver dollar, each side smoothed off and engraved.

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NUMISMATIC POLITICAL CARTOONS

Satirical political cartoons were quite popular in the 19th century, as they are today. This one by Nast was published in the issue of Harper's Weekly dated April 13, 1878, with a decidedly numismatic theme.

Thomas Nast, one of the more famous American political cartoonists of the past century, popularized the well known symbol of the Democratic donkey, and originated the Republican elephant and the Tamamny tiger. His caricatures of the Tamany Tiger helped break up the notorious Tweed Ring of New York City.

Nast is also credited with starting the present-day idea of Santa Claus in a series of sketches that appeared in Harper's Weekly in 1866. He did his best work during the Civil War, when his drawings in Harper's Weekly influenced public opinion in favor of the North. He was an excellent draftsman and designer as well as a cartoonist, and his black-and-white drawings have been exhibited in many museums and galleries. In the presidential campaign of 1872, Nast's barbed cartoons in Harper's Weekly helped bring about the defeat of Horace Greeley.

Nast was born in Landau, Bavaria (Germany) in 1840, and came with his mother to the United States in 1846. He worked as a draftsman on Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, and sketched warfare in Italy for New York, London and Paris newspapers. He published Nast's Almanac for many years. At the time of his death in 1902, he was consul general in Ecuador.

Virginia in the Springtime

by Charlotte Taylor Massie

Virginia is exciting country. It merits spending your springtime vacation within its boundaries. Virginia means history, tradition, gracious living and unsurpassed hospitality. In April it means Historic Garden Week.

Architecturally it is a fascinating state with houses and buildings dating from the early 17th century. Furnishings for these houses were selected with a sharp sense of elegance, the museum quality antiques have been combined with warmth. For one week only, April 19 through April 27, more than 200 private owners will open their doors and invite visitors into their homes. These houses, many of which are currently owned by descendants of the original builders, are painstakingly cared for, while the surrounding grounds and gardens lend an air of enchantment.

In Old Town, Alexandria, bordered by the District of Columbia, are unusual town houses that have survived war, fire and industry.

The Eastern Shore is a land of unique beauty that should be visited by every American. Here all the architecture reflects the presence of the shore and yet each house has a different appeal. Carefully maintained rare antiques have also been brought to the Eastern Shore from many parts of the world.

Houses that look out over the Atlantic Ocean offer refreshing styles of architecture that meet either the needs of year-round living on the water or the demands for city dwellers.

On the banks of the James River are plantations that have withstood the ravages of time. Privately owned, these estates of the Jamiesons, the Daniels, the Majors and the Cranes trace their beginnings to Colonial days.

Berkeley, the site of the first Thanksgiving in 1619, was the home of two presidents of the United States. The mansion was built in 1726.

Westover, considered by some authorities to be the finest example of Georgian architecture in America, was built in 1730 by William Byrd II.

Belle Air Plantation was build about 1670 and is one of the oldest frame dwellings in America. Its Jacobean staircase is considered the finest of its kind in the country.

Brandon Plantation was originally a vast grant of land to John Martin, companion of Captain John Smith on his first voyage to America. Its superb gardens extend from the major house to the river's edge.

These plantations standing solidly on their large acreages still command outstanding views of cultivated fields as far as the eye can see.

In the Southwestern section of the state, where a bright sun warms the days and mountain breezes cool the evening air, a variety in architectural expression reflects individual needs and tastes.

The Piedmont Area provides sites for rolling estates and the contemporary houses in the area take advantage of the panoramic views.

In a continuing response to a request made by The Garden Club of Virginia forty-two years ago, owners of Virginia homes and gardens open their houses each year for Historic Garden Week. With the proceeds from this event the grounds and gardens of 23 shrines of national significance have been restored, and these well maintained landmarks tell the story of Virginia in a unique way.

For the convenience of the visitors, home cooked luncheons are served by the Women of the Churches in many of the areas where homes and gardens are open for Historic Garden Week.

Virginia's highways are clearly marked with green arrows to help visitors find their way about the state. An official guidebook providing a calendar of days on which each area is open and giving detailed information on the homes and gardens included in the tours may be obtained, free of charge, after March 1, from The Historic Garden Week Headquarters, 12 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219, or from any TAA office.

Thanks to the January-February issue of Tidewater Motorist

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



It is spring cleaning time again, not only for your home and yard but for your accumulation of numismatic items. This year why not dig out all of those duplicates and miscellaneous coins and other items that do not fit into your field of collecting and take them to your local coin club meeting or coin show. I am sure you will find someone who is specializing in or is interested in your material.

All of us, at some point, arrive at a

time when we can not find or afford the needed numismatic items for our primary collecting field. Rather than let your interest decline, why not expand into a related area, such as checks, tokens, medals, or paper money. Each of these areas mentioned above can be broken down into a very interesting and hopefully not too expensive speciality, such as tokens (merchants, transportation, parking, coal co., etc.).

For the last year or so we have offered advertising space in the Virginia Numismatist. This offer is available to dealers and collectors alike. We would certainly like to see more people take advantage of this fine way to let other collectors know what you need or have to sell. Also, if you write to or see one of the advertisers, please tell him or her that you saw their ad in The Virginia Numismatist.

Elvin Miller President VNA

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK 1975

Two of VNA's member clubs had their annual shows during National Coin Week, and other clubs and members showed displays and gave talks concerning the various phases of our hobby.

Both the Southside Numismatic Association and the Shenandoah Valley Coin Club held their shows the week end of April 26 and 27, at Petersburg

and Staunton, respectively. Our congratulations to them both.

The VNA quarterly Board Meeting was held at Petersburg on Saturday, the 26th, and was well attended. Some of the actions taken by the Board are reported in other parts of this issue.

Our thanks to Lou Doucet for the pictures shown here of the activities by the Southside Numismatic Association at the show and during Coin Week in Virginia.

A CHALLENGE

by James A. Johnson, Jr.

At the meeting of the V.N.A. Board on April 26th it was unanimously agreed that the Association will donate \$300.00 to the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association's "Numismatic Museum of the South" in Camden, S.C., to underwrite the expense of the Virginia display case. It was stipulated that this case be dedicated, and marked as a memorial, to Charles Jackson Afflect in appreciation for his many contributions to the dissemination of the numismatic knowledge of his beloved Southland.

At the same time the Board issued a challenge to all of the V.N.A. family and friends to contribute numismatic material for a Virginia display in this

case that will make it the outstanding exhibit in the Museum.

This is not an impossible task! Most of us have duplicate coins, paper money, medals or tokens that we can contribute without missing them. Individually they are minor — collectively they can be a beautiful display. While we want to show as many of these items as possible, we anticipate that we will receive duplicates. These will be sold or traded to acquire desirable items to round out the exhibit.

We ask that you do not delay. Get your donations in so that we can create a display to be shown first at the V.N.A. Annual Convention in September and be formally presented there to the B.R.N.A. Curator. We are counting on Frank and Margie Hannah to contribute their artistic talents toward creating an effective presentation for them.

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Calendar of Coin Shows

Club	Location	Date
Southside Numismatic Association	Eagles Home Franklin St., Petersburg	April 26 - 27
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Holiday Inn - Downtown Staunton	April 26 - 27
Fredericksburg Coin Club	Community Center Fredericksburg	May 10 - 11
Northern Virginia Coin Club	Community Center Vienna	May 17 - 18
Shenandoah Numismatic Society	George Washington Hotel Winchester	May 24 - 25
Maryland State Numismatic Association	Baltimore Hilton Inn & Club Baltimore Beltway	June 7 - 8
B R N A Museum Opening Show	American Legion Building Camden, S.C.	June 20 - 22
Metro. Washington Numismatic Association	Sheraton Inn New Carrolton, Md.	July 11 - 13
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke	August 8 - 10
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 6 - 7
Virginia Numismatic Association	Ingleside Red Carpet Inn Staunton	Sept. 26 - 28
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Benton Convention Center Winston-Salem, N.C.	Oct. 10 - 12

COINS ON STAMPS

Alert coin and stamp collectors have seen the coins displayed on the ten cent stamp honoring Hyam Salomon, a "Financier of the Revolution". One of a series of four that was issued on March 25th., most of the post offices have them on sale.

Printed on the adhesive side is the legend: "Financial Hero - Businessman and Broker Haym Salomon was responsible for raising most of the money needed to finance the American Revolution and later to save the new nation from collapse."

V N A FALL CONVENTION

We hope that you all will tie a fancy colored string around your finger to remind you to keep the week end of September 26, 27 and 28 free to attend the 17th Annual Convention at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn near Staunton.

Chairman George Miller and his committee, along with our co-hosts, The Shenandoah Valley Coin Club and The Rockingham Coin Club, are making plans for various activities for members and their families. An interesting auction is in the making, for those of us who like to bid it up.

Last year we were in Tidewater, this year come to the beautiful Valley of Virginia in the fall, enjoy the view, the show, and above all, the fellowship.

BOOK REVIEW

The Handbook of Check Collecting, edited by Neil Sowards, paperbound, 1975.

Anyone who is interested in the collecting of fiscal paper (checks, stocks, bonds, drafts, letters of credit, etc.) will want to add this new work to their library at home.

In 17 chapters, well illustrated, you will find many of the answers to lots of questions about check collecting that you didn't know how to ask or where to look for the answer.

Many of us that collect currency, bank histories and other materials will enjoy this and find it handy to have around.

This new book is available for \$5.00 from Neil Sowards, 548 Home Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46807.

TWO YEAR OFFICER TERMS PROPOSED BY BOARD

At the Board meeting of the V N A held in Petersburg on April 26th., the Board approved and directed that the membership be advised that the recommendation of a special committee appointed by President Elvin B. Miller, and made to the Board, be presented to the membership for a vote.

The committee, after considerable study, has recommended that the terms of office for all of the elected officers and board members be changed from one year to two years, starting with this September, when approved by a vote of the members. For this year only, a part of the board would serve for one year and the rest for two years - starting next year a part of the board would be elected for two year terms each year, thus giving continuity to the board. The last three past presidents would still be board members as at present.

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This change was suggested to give the men (or women) in office a chance to use the experience gained in the first year over a longer period of time, and thus be more effective in the leadership of V N A.

Ballots will be mailed out to the membership and it is requested that they be returned to the Secretary as soon as possible, to affirm the action of the Board, and allow the change to be effective in September during the Annual Convention.

Elvin B. Miller, President V N A

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association provide that an Election Committee shall present a slate of officers for each expiring elected office not later than July 15th of each year. During the period June 15 through July 15 additional nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees are to be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The following offices are open for nomination: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and seven (7) members of the Board of Directors. All offices are for a period of one (1) year except that of the Secretary-Treasurer is for two (2) years.

The By-Laws further provide that election of the last three Past Presidents who remain active in good standing to the Board of Directors is automatic. Those so elected will be George K. Morehead, Donald Roberts and Elvin B. Miller.

Be sure to send all nominations to be received by the Secretary-Treasurer between June 15 and July 15.

news of our clubs

SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

With 15 coin and stamp dealers and some 300 registered attendees, the Southside Club's first two-day show must be considered a minor success. The weather was beautiful and with Petersburg's Annual Art Show in full swing only eight blocks away, the competition was keen. But to a numismatist or philatelist, coins, currency or stamps are a higher art form.

Our club was honored to host the Quarterly meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association's Board of Directors during the show. Such well-known "Rag Pickers," as James Killingsworth (Virginia Beach), Elvin B. Miller (Pres., VNA), James A. Johnson, Jr. (Richmond), Howard E. Spain

(Waverly), Raymond G. Haymaker (2nd-VP, VNA), George Morehead (Moseley), Donald Roberts (Hampton) and Frank Hannah (ANA-Rep. Va.) combined VNA business with the pleasure of paper money talk with Paul E. Garland, Director, Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Museum, VNA Secretary, Richard Jones recorded the chaotic event while Sgt.-at-Arms, "Foots" Byer futilely attempted to maintain order. VNA 1st VP, George E. Miller, holding aloof from the paper money conflab, stoutly maintained that coins are the "weightier" art form.

The VNA Board interrupted its deliverations long enough to allow Board member James M. Beard and his committee to judge our club's exhibits and to award "Best of Show" to Lou Doucet for his "Spirit of 76," runner-upsenior class to Larry Chavis for his "Democracy in Action," junior award "Best of Class" to Nick Stolfi, Jr., and junior "Outstanding" to Ava Catron. Also, Gerald Perry (senior non-competitive) Greg Tucker (senior class) and junior Scott Marcinkowsky received special awards of Franklin Mint medals

contributed by Ed Quagliana of the Franklin Mint.

Our club is particularly proud of junior member participation and offer a special tribute to Larry Padgett, Greg Wills, Raymond Snow, Larry Hoyle, Brothers Bob and Scott Marcinkowski, Nick Stolfi, Jr. and Ava Catron for great work during the show. Also, President Perry expressed special thanks to John Copeland, Secretary-Treasurer and his assistant, Mike Crowson.

Our show closed with the drawing for and awarding of these grand prizes. First prize (\$20 BU Gold Piece) was won by Helen Barney, Petersburg. Second Prize (BU Set of War Nickels) to club member Danny Robinson, and 3rd Prize (BU 1878 CC Dollar) to Reverend Tom Freeman, Victoria. Reverend Freeman received the winning ticket as a gift.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Exhibits complimented the programs on Current Trends in Coin Collecting by Julian Leidman and the slide program from ANA on History of Colonial Paper Money in March and April. Members were reminded that the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association will be held July 11 to 13 at the Sheraton Motor Inn, New Carrolton, Maryland (near Lanham, by the Beltway).

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured at the March meeting was a donated auction to help defray expenses of the annual dinner meeting. Bidding was lively. In April, Margery Hannah narrated the ANA slide show on Love Tokens and showed some of the various types from her own fine collection.

ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Take A Trip to Israel, was the subject when Morton Ronick spoke to the meeting at the Jewish Community Center in Norfolk.

ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

Plans are being made now for the fall show at the Belle Meade Red Carpet Inn at Harrisonburg on September 6 and 7. For display space and dealers tables, please write the chairman, Mr. Philip Sharpe, 208 Governors Lane, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Final plans were being firmed up for the spring show at the Holiday Inn-Downtown at Staunton on April 26 and 27, in addition to National Coin Week. New officers elected for this year are: Pres- Winfred Showalter; Vice-Pres- Frank Cacciapaglia; Sec- William Irvine and Treasurer- Joe Holloway. The Shenandoah Valley Coin Club and The Rockingham Coin Club will be the co-hosts for the V N A Annual Meeting at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn near Staunton on September 26 to 28. Be sure to reserve this week end to visit the beautiful Valley of Virginia in the fall.

SALEM COIN CLUB

Snow forced the moving of the March meeting to a date a week later. This and the April meeting were devoted to plans for the April show at the Crossroads Shopping Center. Members were pleased with the attendance and the activity at the Show.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Featured at the April meeting is a report on the AINA trip to Israel by President Morton Ronick. Thanks were extended to all of the members involved with the Coin-A-Rama for making it a hugh success. Over 1600 attended the show and 48 dealers had tables. The Best in Show Exhibit was won by Kent Morgan and the 10 peso gold coin was won by his brother. Honorable Mention plaques for outstanding exhibits were presented to Ted Maroulis, Russell Ambrose and Fred Ruben. The auction held by the Katens was very successful.

The Annual Banquet was attended by 59 people, who saw the induction of new officers for the coming year and won 35 door prizes. The best prize, a display of silver dollars and silver bullion, was won by Vince Bulman.

ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

New Club officers elected for 1975 are: Pres- H.A. Watson; Vice-Pres-Burr A. Stephens; Treas- Mrs. Dorothy Tomlinson; Sec- Mrs. Juanita L. Ware; Corr Sec- O.B. Ware; Chaplain- Dr. W.A. Healey; Directors- C.R. Jackson and Harold Robertson.

Last year the Roanoke Valley Coin Club donated: \$500. to the Roanoke Historical Society, \$500.00 to the Roanoke Life Saving Unit, \$500.00 to

the BRNA Museum and \$100.00 to the Roanoke YMCA Youth Fund from the proceeds of their show.

This year the annual show will be held at the Roanoke Civic Center, August 8, 9 and 10. Mr. C.R. Coleman is General Chairman and Mr. O.B. Ware, Bourse Chairman. The Franklin Mint and the Roanoke Historical Society will participate in the event.

For show information, write the Chairman, Mr. C.R. Coleman, P.O. Box 1888, Roanoke, Virginia 24008.

RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Members are urged to attend the May meeting at the Virginia Federal Savings and Loan Building to see a medal display by Mr. William Lambert, a coin and medal collector for many years, and hear him talk on the theme "Enjoying medals as a hobby as opposed to collecting them for investment". Also, plans are under way for an auction at the meeting on June 5th. Visitors are welcome.

1975 HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK IN VIRGINIA

It is hard to tell how many of our members read the article in the second issue of The Virginia Numismatist for 1975 entitled "Virginia in the Springtime" by Charlotte Taylor Massie - but my wife and I did and visited some of the buildings that are only open to the public during Historic Garden Week in April, and we had a ball.

On Sunday, the 20th., we visited Brandon Plantation, on the south side of the James River. This 4400 acre working plantation, with a main house 275 feet from one end to the other, and formal gardens running down to the river, is an experience to see - and it has to be seen to be appreciated.

Saturday, after attending the V N A Board meeting and the Show put on by our gracious hosts, the Southside Virginia Numismatic Association, I had an opportunity for a short visit to the building of the Farmers Bank of Virginia in Petersburg, which has been restored and is shown to the public by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. This was one of the 18 branches of the Bank, in addition to the main office in Richmond.

The next day, Sunday the 27th., we went to see Belle Aire on the north side of the James. This is considered to be one of the oldest frame houses in America, and is used as the home of the family that rescued it from almost certain destruction and restored it to its present state.

I want to extend our thanks to the ladies of the Garden Clubs that put on Historic Garden Week in Virginia and to the members of the A.P.V.A. for the fine work they do in our beautiful Commonwealth.

BOOK REVIEW

Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, By Albert Pick, with Clifford Mishler as senior editor, Russell Rulau as coordinating editor, issued in the United States by Krause Publications, 1975, \$15.00 at coin dealers.

We were very pleased with the first sight of Albert Pick's Standard Catalog of World Paper Money. The following comment from The Bank Note Reporter seems to sum up the general opinion:

"Pick's long-awaited Standard Catalog of World Paper Money is finally in collectors' hands. To date, only praise has been heard from experts and novices alike for the author's handling of the difficult task of cataloging the world's paper money issues since 1900.

Those unfamiliar with the hazards of world currency collecting - including overlapping note issuing authorities, changing political situation, etc. - cannot appreciate the skill and simplicity with which Pick and the editors listed the notes.

But these are mere details. The book's real importance lies in its title. For the first time, collectors of world currency have one STANDARD reference work instead of a shelf-full of catalogs, periodicals and specialized books covering the issues of specific countries. For the first time, they can easily identify their notes and exchange information with fellow collectors, as if by magic, by simply invoking a Pick number.

Perhaps more importantly, the Standard Catalog will encourage collectors of U.S. and obsolete currency - and even some coin and stamp buffs - to dig through their dead files of world money they have picked up while traveling or serving in the armed forces abroad. Until now, the chore of identifying these notes and determining their rarity has been enough to discourage all but the relatively few serious collectors. Now, all collectors, irrespective of their expertise, can pour over their personal hoards with Pick in hand."

The information on collecting paper money at the front of the book will help to get started on this most interesting hobby. Try it yourself and see!

WHY COLLECT MEDALS?

There are lots of reasons why people should collect medals, according to a new publication started by Medallic Art Company. The Art Medalist, published six times a year, is sent to interested persons if they write to: Collector Services, Medallic Art Company, Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810. The approaching bicentennial has created much interest in collecting medals from cities, counties and states - these and other types and styles of medals are featured in this interesting publication.



TAKING A GHOST TOWN OUT OF MOTHBALLS

by Ron Scherer

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CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo.—The old mines are going to reopen: the Ajax, the El Paso, and the Mollie Kathleen.

Miners are going to burrow anew for gold here in Cripple Creek, once the United States' richest gold strike. The mines were shut down in 1961, when producing the metal became unprofitable because of the low price of gold.

Timbers firming up a thousand miles of blasted-out tunnels rotted; the railroads that used to haul the ore to the mills rusted; and even some of the skills acquired by local residents began to dull.

However, now that gold prices are up (about \$180 per ounce) on the open market, those mine shafts, picked up for a song by smart speculators, will reek of the acrid smell of cordite used in dynamiting, freshly fractured rock will spill into the dumps, and diesel trucks will trundle along roads to the smelting plant.

Already new timbers are shoring up the dark, dank passages. Fresh steel is going down on mine-shaft roadbeds, and skilled miners are coming from as far as Nevada. The rolling hills within the sight of Pikes Peak are feeling the tramp of the miners' boots once more.

The reason for all the activity, aside from the high gold price, is the fact that a lot of ore still is in Cripple Creek, scene of a massive gold rush at the turn of the century. Estimates place the remaining gold stocks at between 40 and 80 per cent of the total amount originally in these hills. The fact that \$800 million worth was taken from the hills at an average price of around \$20 per ounce indicates to mine-owning prospectors today that Cripple Creek is sitting on top of a veritable Ft. Knox.

This pot of gold is buried deep in hills that measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 4 miles and encompass the towns of Cripple Creek, Victor, and Goldfields. To the untrained eye it doesn't even look like gold, because it is a silvery color, mixed with purple fluorides or yellow pyrites. The rocks have to be boiled before the gold in them turns yellow.

Taking the lead in the new gold rush here is a company called Golden Cycle Corporation, based in Colorado Springs. Golden Cycle owns 60 per cent of the claims here, some 3,000 acres. Many of the holdings were purchased after Golden Cycle closed the Carlton Mill, which refined the gold. One story tells of a claim sold at a tax sale nine years ago for \$40, and later resold for \$125,000.

Golden Cycle's main rehabilitation effort has been aimed at the famous Ajaz Mine. According to C.E. Schwab, the company's president, around \$2.6 million has been spent on the mine. He estimates the Carlton Mill will be reopened by the last half of 1976 or early 1977, and many of the old mine's dumps can be processed.

"We are talking," Schwab says, "of treating 1,000 to 2,000 tons of ore per day." Golden Cycle hopes to recover 70 to 80 per cent of the 0.06 ounces of gold per ton from dumps and a lot more from the mine itself. Currently the company employs 80 to 85 persons, but eventually expects to employ 100 to 125. Golden Cycle is not the only company involved in mining, but the rest are smaller. Mr. and Mrs. George Schrank and Dennis Glowienka own the Mary Nevin (as part of their Western Gold Producers, Inc.). The company, whose motto is "Keep It Small, Keep It All," has accumulated more than 120 claims, 15 mines, and 800 acres.

The town of Cripple Creek has had quite a history. Once gold was discovered, the town boomed. Velma McKahan at the Cripple Creek district museum recalls that at one point Cripple Creek

was the largest city in the state. At its peak it had a population of 40,000 including 80 doctors, 91 lawyers, 14 newspapers, 41 assay offices, 46 brokerage houses and 100 saloons.

Teddy Roosevelt came and dedicated the first drainage tunnel (used for the mines), and Groucho Marx worked as a delivery boy there. Newscaster Lowell Thomas, now a director of Golden Cycle, grew up in nearby Victor.

By contrast Cripple Creek today has a year-round population of 600. Life has become comparatively tame. Instead of the brothels and night houses that used to line Myers Avenue, cows

graze on Cripple Creek's meager grass.

Bennett Avenue, the main street is lined with shops selling rocks, jewelry, and other curios. Just about the only entertainment in town is a melodrama at the Imperial Hotel, where about 70 college students and semiprofessional actors and actresses perform twice daily during the summer. Owner Wayne Mackin closes up the hotel at the end of September.

The town is slowly changing now. Steve Reid, a local businessman and member of the planning commission, says that in two years 90 per cent of the businesses will be open year-round. He projects a population of 7,000 to 10,000 by 1980-85. "We had

55 new businesses open up this year," he says.

In the past, semi-retired persons were the ones who came to Cripple Creek because of the favorable climate and the remarkable scenery. Now more professional people are coming. Reid notes that the school district's enrollment is up 35 to 40 per cent in two years.

WAR MEDALS OF THE CONFEDERACY by Bauman L. Belden

We are endebted to Mr. Leslie A. Elam, Director, The American Numismatic Society, for his gracious permission to reproduce, several pages at a time, the article "War Medals of the Confederacy," published in The American Journal of Numismatics in 1915.

This part of the history of the Confederate States of America should be of interest to all Virginians, and VNA is pleased to be able to share it with our readers.

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The following three reports, by officers of the United States Navy are interesting as describing this event from the opposing standpoint:

U. S. Steam Sloop Pensacola, New Orleans, Sept. 4, 1863.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Department that Major General Banks, having organized a force of 4,000 men, under Major General Franklin, to effect a landing at Sabine Pass for military occupation, and requested the coöperation of the Navy, which I most gladly acceded to, I assigned the command of the navy force to Acting Volunteer Lieut. Frederick Crocker, commanding United States Steamer Clifton, accompanied by Steamer Sachem, Acting Volunteer Lieut. Amos Johnson, U. S. Steamer Arizona, Acting Master Howard Tibbetts, and U. S. Steamer Granite City, Acting Master C. W. Samson, these being the only available vessels of sufficient light draught at my disposal for that service, and as they have good pilots, I have no doubt the force is quite sufficient for the object.

The defences ashore and afloat are believed to consist of two thirty-two pounders en-barbette and a battery of field pieces, and two bay boats converted into rams.

It was concerted with General Franklin, that the squadron of four gun boats, under the command of acting Volunteer Lieut. Crocker, should make the attack alone, assisted by about 150 sharp shooters from the army, divided among his vessels, and having driven the enemy from his defences or driven off the rams, the transports are then to advance and land the troops.

I regret exceedingly that the officers and crews who have been on blockade there cannot participate in the attack in consequence of the excessive draught of water drawn by their vessels. The New London, drawing nine and a half feet, is the lightest draught of all the blockaders, and has made repeated attempts to go in alone, but without success.

I have the honor to be your ob't svt.

H. H. BELL,

To Hon. GIDEON WELLES,

Secretary of the Navy.

Commanding W. G. B. Squadron, pro tem.

U. S. Steamer Arizona, Sabine Bar, Sept. 10, 1863.

Sir:

At 6 A. M., on the 8th, the Clifton stood over the bar and opened fire on the fort, to which no reply was made.

At 9 A. M. the Sachem, Arizona and Granite City, followed by the transports, stood over the bar, and with much difficulty owing to the shallowness of the water,

reached anchorage two miles from the fort at 11 A. M., the gun boats covering the transports.

At 3.30 P. M., the Sachem, followed by the Arizona, advanced up the eastern channel to draw the fire of the forts, while the Clifton advanced up the western channel, followed-by the Granite City, to cover the landing of a division of troops under General Weitzel.

No reply to the fire of the gunboats was made until we were abreast of the forts, when they opened with eight guns, three of which were rifled, almost at the same moment.

The Clifton and Sachem were struck in their boilers enveloping the vessels in steam.

There not being room to pass the Sachem, this vessel was backed down the channel and a boat sent to the Sachem which returned with Engineer Munroe and Fireman Lum, badly scalded, (since dead).

The Arizona had now grounded by the stern; the ebb tide caught her bow and swung her across the channel, and she was with much difficulty extricated from the position, owing to the engine becoming heated by the collection of mud in the boilers.

The flags of the Clifton and Sachem were run down and white flags were flying

As all the transports were now moving out of the bay, this vessel remained covering their movements until she grounded.

She remained until midnight, when she was kedged off as no assistance could be had from any of the tugs of the expedition.

There are now on board this vessel William Low, Peter Benson, George W. Meeker, John Howels, Samuel Smith and George Horton, of the crew of the Sachem.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

H. TIBBETS, Acting Master, U. S. Steamer Arizona.

To Commodore H. H. Bell, Commanding W. G. B. Squadron, New Orleans.

> U. S. Steamship Pensacola, New Orleans, Sept. 13, 1863.

Sir:

My despatch No. 41 informed you of the repulse of the expedition to the Sabine Pass, and the capture of the Clifton, Acting Volunteer Lieut. Crocker, and the Sachem, Acting Volunteer Lieut. Amos Johnson, by the rebels, and the safe return of the troops and transports to the river without loss.

Lieutenants Crocker and Johnson are reported to have fought their vessels gallantly, and are unburt.

The rebel steamers took the Clifton and Sachem in tow within twenty minutes of their surrender, the extent of their damage is unknown.

The arrival of the Owasco this morning has given me the only report from the naval officers concerned I have received.

The attack, which was to have been a surprise and made at early dawn on the 7th, was not made until 3 P. M. on the 8th, after the entire expedition had appeared off Sabine Pass for 28 hours, and a reconnoissance had been made on the morning of the 8th by Generals Franklin and Weitzel and Lieutenant Commanding Crocker, when they decided on form of attack different from that recommended by myself.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

H. H. BELL,

Commanding W. G. B. Squadron, pro tem.

To Hon. GIDEON WELLES,

Secretary of the Navy.

Sabine Pass is the outlet to Sabine Lake, which is on the border line of Texas and Louisiana and about five miles back from the Gulf of Mexico. The Sabine River, which flows into the lake, forms a considerable portion of the boundary between the two states. Sabine City was the terminus of a railroad running a considerable distance through eastern Texas, and which connected with another road leading to Houston, then the capital of the state.

General Banks, who commanded the Federal forces in that region, fitted out this expedition with the idea of landing a large force to march on Houston, planning to follow it up with reinforcements until he should have a force of about 15,000 concentrated there.

The fort at Sabine Pass was garrisoned by a company of forty-seven Irishmen commanded by Lieutenant Richard W. Dowling, who was usually known as Dick Dowling. The other members of the company were as follows:

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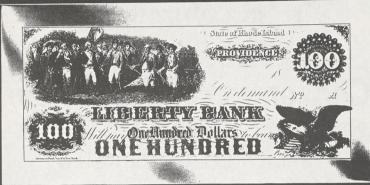
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Can this Numbers Game be beaten? Well, I don't hold much hope for trying to change our social security number, but when it comes to those numbers dealing with injuries, that's another ball game. We're not subject to those numbers — we create them by our own actions. There's the big difference and the key to beating the Numbers Game.

I was passing through a card shop when a message on a particular card caught my eye. It read, "Congratulations! Today is the first day of the rest of your life." Today is the first day of the rest of your life. A new hand has been dealt to you. Play it safe and you'll beat the Numbers Game.

BANKERS' HOURS

Here is an item from our neighboring state to the north, The Free State of Maryland, showing that there is still an element of surprise and danger in modern banking, mechanized though it may be. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Emory Dobson, Editor, The County Record, Denton, Caroline County, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, for permission to share this with our members.

For a while, last Wednesday, both the president and the comptroller of The Denton National Bank were locked upprisoners in a sanitary landfill!

It seems that James Chaffinch (president) and Ron Todd (comptroller) were on a mission, the object of which was to get rid of a load of "confidentiality confetti." The shredded paper, which accumulated daily at the bank had become something of a problem. By leave of the Board of Directors, the bank officers took the paper to the Holly Road landfill, where they were told, every day's deposits are presumably covered with from two to four inches of dirt.

Upon their arrival, just before four o'clock, they saw and were seen by the curator. They all nodded a greeting and then settled down to wait, because they were required to personally see the paper buried. A half-hour passed and no cover-upper

showed. At four-thirty the concierge walked passed them again, nodded and left — locking the gate behind him.

Still believing that when the Health Dept. says a landfill has to be covered over daily, it will be covered daily, the two men waited on. When nobody finally showed, they went to the gate and were on the inside looking out when one of their tellers drove by. She saw the two men behind the gate, did a double-take as their identity registered and went back to inquire if they needed help.

Well, help wasn't exactly what they needed, a fact which they later demonstrated by taking the gate off its hinges and regaining their freedom.

Wayne Cawley, another officer of the bank, could possibly be blamed for the whole thing, but he vows and declares he was officially assured some time ago that waste has to be buried daily at the landfills. He also insists there's a bright side to the picture, pointing out that the caretaker could have been carrying a bottle of nitro glycerine when the four-thirty whistle blew!

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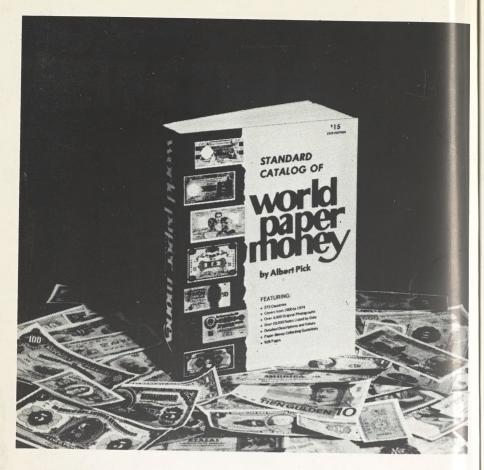
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



First for a progress report on our convention for Sept. 26, 27, and 28. All the major items have been taken care of, now the work really begins on the minor details such as who is going to bring the typewriter and how many ash trays we need. Attention to the minor details makes a successful show and helps to keep the dealers happy.

Now I must say something about the coin dealer: Where would our

hobby be without him? So instead of giving him a rough time why not put yourself in his place. I think that you would get a new outlook on his problems. Also, get those exhibits ready for the show.

I have been approached by several people who want to know what we are going to do for the Bicentennial. There has been a suggestion made to issue a medal. This is an item to be taken up by the Board of Directors at our next meeting. A couple of the suggestions seem to have merit. One was for Thomas Jefferson as he was the originator of the decimal system for our U.S. money. Club Presidents, this might be a good subject to bring up at your local meetings.

In our last issue we asked help for the B.R.N.A. Museum, and there has been growing response. They can use money as well as items for the museum. We, V.N.A., have purchased a case in Mr. C.J. Affleck's name. Mr. Affleck was one of the greatest promotors of Numismatics, not only in Virginia but in all the South. I think it only fitting that we show in some way our appreciation for this giant of our hobby.

The Board of Directors will meet at 12:30, Sat. Aug. 9 at The Roanoke Valley Coin Club Show. If any member has any ideas or suggestions, please speak to one of the Board so that it can be taken up.

Next: Club Presidents, please appoint a representative to attend our Sunday morning breakfast. If this year's meeting is anything like last year's, the exchange of ideas is well worth the effort. Also, will you be sure to place an ad in our convention program from your club? This would be a big help on the expenses.

Now for one more word, don't you think our editor is doing a fantastic job with this publication? The time and effort that he puts in must be tremendous. We cannot hope to repay him but I do think we all should make it a point to thank him personally.

Elvin Miller President V N A

THE DIXIE LIMITED

Railroad buffs will be interested in the two steam locomotive excursion trains to be run on August 2nd and 3rd from Richmond to Keysville by the Old Dominion Chapter, National Railway Historical Society. The trains will leave Richmond at 8:45 AM on Saturday and Sunday and a fried chicken picnic dinner will be available on arrival. Tickets are on sale downtown in many Virginia cities.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Election Committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of Officers and Directors for each expiring elected office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Convention in September, by Ballot.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Sec. - Treasurer
Sergeant-at-Arms

George E. Miller
Raymond G. Haymaker
Louis E. Doucet
Richard Jones
Ernest "Foots" Byer

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Fredericksburg, Va.
Richmond, Va.
Virginia Beach, Va.
Rockville, Md.
Waverly, Va.

The By-Laws provide that election of the last three Past-Presidents who remain active and in good standing to the Board of Directors is automatic. Those who fall in this category are:

George K. Morehead Donald Roberts Elvin B. Miller Moseley, Va. Hampton, Va. Leesburg, Va.

RESTORED BOTETOURT COUNTY COURT HOUSE DEDICATED

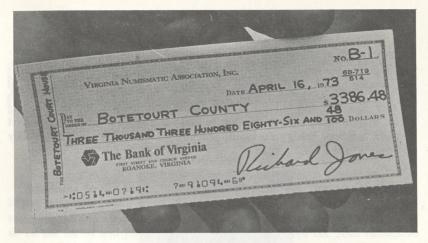
Every Virginia Numismatic Association member was there in spirit in Fincastle when Virginia Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. delivered the dedication address for the newly restored Court House for Botetourt County.



A crowd estimated at 1,000 persons, many of them visitors, assembled on June 14, 1975, to hear the governor praise the efforts used in this preservation of our heritage. The fourth Court House to stand on the same plot of ground in the town of Fincastle holds records of the Lewis and Clark expedition, as well as many other documents of the last of the "mother" counties of Virginia. Carved out of the County of Agusta in 1770, Botetourt County then included within its limits what is now western Virginia, part of West Virginia, all of Kentucky, most of Illinois and Indiana, and a part of Ohio, as well as a small part of Wisconsin. At that time according to the Treaty of Paris in 1763, Virginia claimed territory extending from the Blue Ridge to the Mississippi River. The present area of the county is 548 square miles.

The first Court House was probably built of logs about 1773, and was replaced by one about 1818-1820 designed by Thomas Jefferson. The third one, built in 1845-1847, was destroyed by fire in 1970. After much discussion, it was decided to try to replace it with a structure of similar appearance.

VNA can be proud of the very real part we played in the rebuilding of this historic structure. After the devastating fire of 1970, William Hannah of Salem, Va., proposed to the VNA Board that this was an excellent opportunity to help in a community project, by striking a commemorative medal. With great enthusiasm VNA backed the striking and sale of the medal. Designed by VNA Past President Frank Hannah, the medal was struck in 1,000 numbered sets of silver and bronze. Profit in the amount of \$3,386.48 from sale of the medals by VNA was turned over to the County on April 16, 1973, to be used to help with the reconstruction.



In addition, VNA presented the citizens of Botetourt County with a complete set of the medals, in gold, silver and bronze, along with the die used to strike them, to be on permanent display in the new building.

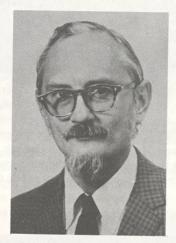
On June 14, 1975, VNA was represented at the ceremonies by Mr. and Mrs. William Hannah and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hannah. The walnut and glass display case containing the medals and the die was turned over to Mr. George E. Holt, Jr., Clerk of the Court, and will be on public display in his office in the new building.



The next time you are near Fincastle, be sure to stop in and ask George about the display. You will find that he is a real booster of VNA and the contribution that we made to "Our Court House".

VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

The numismatic highlight of the year in Virginia, the 17th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, will take place at The Ingleside Red Carpet Inn, Staunton, Virginia, on September 26, 27 and 28. Be sure to come and enjoy the numismatic fellowship at this outstanding event. Start making your plans now to make this trip a most enjoyable part of your vacation. Bring your family and enjoy a leisurely stay in The Valley of Virginia in the fall.



OUR DINNER SPEAKER

We are pleased to announce that the speaker for the Annual Banquet will be Mr. Alan B. Albright, Underwater Archeologist at the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology of the University of South Carolina.

Before coming to Columbia to the University, he was with the staff of the College of the Virgin Islands. For ten years a museum specialist with the Smithsonian Institution's Division of Historical Archeology, he became involved with Mendel L. Peterson, a pioneer in marine archeology.

He has made movies for NBC and CBS Television and The Explorers Club (of which he is a member), working with Pulitzer-prize winning photographer Peter Stackpole. An officer in the International Conference of Underwater Archeology, Albright first became interested in archeology as a boy growing up in Panama, where his father worked. He often helped his father, an amateur archeologist, excavate old forts in the jungle. Later he learned skin-diving, and subsequently combined the three interests.

He will speak on underwater archeology in general, with a numismatic flavor, and illustrate the talk with color slides he has taken in various areas. This should be most interesting to our members and their families and guests.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet will be held Saturday night following the social hour and is always the highlight of the Convention. Following the excellent dinner will be the installation of officers for next year, presentation of awards and exhibit plaques and our featured speaker, Mr. Alan Albright, Underwater Archeologist at the University of South Carolina.

BOURSE

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited. This year's chairman is Ray Haymaker, and he tells us that the tables are selling well. A wide range of materials will be available for all types of collectors. Take a look at all of the tables and you can find something you need for your collection and possibly find a new interest, too. For information on tables, write: Raymond G. Haymaker, RFD 1, Box 322, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422.

AUCTION

Frank and Laurese Katen have promised us an excellent auction, featuring an exciting coin collection, paper money including U.S. currency and fractional currency, and numismatic literature and sales catalogs. Present plans call for an afternoon and an evening session on Friday and an afternoon conclusion on Saturday. Be sure to ask for the sales catalog and get your bids in early if you can't attend the auction itself.

EXHIBITS

Be sure to get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to arrange for space for your exhibits. This is an unequaled opportunity to show the rest of us parts of your collection and tell us all about it. Awards will be presented for: "Best of Show", "Charles Afflect Award" for the best paper money exhibit and seven (7) "Outstanding Awards" for the next seven top awards without regard for category. Be sure to participate in and look at this colorful part of the Convention.

"RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

Last but not least, don't forget that on Saturday night following the banquet, the "rag-pickers" will assemble for their annual get-together. As you will recall if you have been there, sometimes they even get around to talking about paper money.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Inn on Saturday, September 27th. Time and place of the meeting will be announced.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Don't forget to have your club appoint a representative to attend the Sunday morning breakfast meeting of the club representatives. As usual, VNA will pick up the tab for this member. It's a nice way to get waked up on Sunday morning, and talk about ways to help your club and VNA.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Next to the registration desk will be a table showing the VNA membership pins for sale, along with Charlie Affleck's two books on the "Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" and Douglas Ball's "Confederate Interim Depository Receipts & Funding Certificates Issued in The Commonwealth of Virginia". Be sure to get yours if you do not already have them. They also make excellent presents for your Club to give to your local library.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please remember to arrange in advance for your rooms at The Ingleside Red Carpet Inn, Staunton, Virginia. You will be sent a hotel reservation form in early August. Be sure to send it in promptly for the best selection of rooms.

ANA HAS NEW SLIDES FOR CLUBS

Member clubs of the American Numismatic Association will be pleased to learn that eight new slide sets are available for showing at their meetings. Use of a set of numismatic slides as the feature of a program makes for an interesting and informative meeting.

Each of the eight newly readied sets is composed of 30 truly excellent 2 x 2 color slides of coins in renowned British collections. They were produced by P. Frank Purvey and distributed by B.A. Seaby, Ltd. of London. ANA member Charles B. Byers of California donated one copy of each set to the Association's slide library.

Clubs wanting to schedule these sets or to get a list of others available should write to ANA Headquarters, Attn. Mrs. Mary Thompson, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901. Round trip postage is the only charge for using the slides.

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Calendar of Coin Shows

Club	Location	Date
Blue Ridge Numismatic Association	Municipal Auditorium Nashville, Tenn.	July 31 - August 3
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke	Aug. 8 - 10
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 6 - 7
Culpeper Coin Club	Holiday Inn, 29 South Culpeper	Sept. 13 - 14
Virginia Numismatic Association	Ingleside Red Carpet Inn Staunton	Sept. 26 - 28
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Benton Convention Center Winston-Salem, N.C.	Oct. 10 - 12
Winchester Coin Club	National Guard Armory Winchester	Oct. 25 - 26

Cont. from the last issue. . .

WAR MEDALS OF THE CONFEDERACY by

Bauman L. Belden

We are endebted to Mr. Leslie A. Elam, Director, The American Numismatic Society, for his gracious permission to reproduce, several pages at a time, the article "War Medals of the Confederacy," published in The American Journal of Numismatics in 1915.

This part of the history of the Confederate States of America should be of interest to all Virginians, and VNA is pleased to be able to share it with our readers.

This company was known as the Davis Guard. At the time of the attack, forty-one out of the forty-seven were in the fort, one being absent on leave and five sick in the hospital. In addition to these were two officers, Lieutenant N. W. Smith and Dr. C. H. Bailey, the post surgeon, who, being in the neighborhood, volunteered for the occasion, making forty-three defenders in all. Lossing, describing this action in the Field Book of the Civil War, states that the losses of the attacking party were two hundred prisoners and about fifty killed and wounded, in addition to the two gun boats which mounted fifteen heavy guns. The defenders did not lose a man, and it is said that it was quite a problem for so small a body of men to take charge of such a large number of prisoners, and that when the garrison marched out to secure the prisoners, but very few men were left in the fort with instructions to most energetically patrol the ramparts so as to create the impression that the fort had not been left empty.

After this defeat, the proposed movement on Houston was abandoned, much to the gratification of citizens of that part of Texas, and on the 8th of September, 1864, the first anniversary of the battle, the ladies of Houston presented a medal to each member of the Davis Guard, and to the two volunteers who were with them. Forty-nine of these medals were presented, those members of the Guard, who were unavoidably absent, also receiving them. It is stated that some time later President Davis visited that locality, and the Guard had

another medal made and presented it to him.

The following resolutions of the Confederate Congress were approved February 8th, 1864:

Resolved, That the thanks of Congress are eminently due, and are hereby cordially given, to Captain Odlum, Lieutenant Richard Dowling, and the forty-one men composing the Davis Guards, under their command, for their daring, gallant, and successful defense of Sabine Pass, Texas, against the attack made by the enemy on the eighth of September last, with a fleet of five gunboats and twenty-two steam trans-

ports, carrying a landing force of fifteen thousand men.

Resolved, That this defense, resulting, under the providence of God, in the defeat of the enemy, the capture of two gunboats, with more than three hundred prisoners, including the commander of the fleet, the crippling of a third gunboat, the dispersion of the transports, and preventing the invasion of Texas, constitutes, in the opinion of Congress, one of the most brilliant and heroic achievements in the history of this war, and entitles the Davis Guards to the gratitude and admiration of their country.

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate the foregoing resolutions to Captain Odlum, Lieutenant Dowling, and the men under their command.

Captain Frank H. Odlum appears to have been nominally in command of the Davis Guards, but I can find no record of his presence in the fort at the time of the attack, nor of a medal being presented to him.

The Dick Dowling Camp of the United Confederate Veterans erected a statue of Dick Dowling in the City Hall grounds at Houston, on it the names of the defenders are inscribed, and under it was placed one of the medals. Another fell into the hands of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and, I am informed, is now in the museum formed by them in the state capital building at Austin. An illustration of the medal appears in Lossing's Field Book of the Civil War, and it is stated that it was from a medal at that time in the possession of Thomas H. Thorwell, of New York City, what has since become of it, I do not know.

Dick Dowling died of yellow fever in 1867, and his medal became the property of his daughter. Some years ago it was obtained by Mr. J. Coolidge Hills, of Hartford, Connecticut, and was left by him to the

Wadsworth Athenaeum, in Hartford, where it now is.

The only other medal that I have been able to trace is the one in the collection of The American Numismatic Society, which originally belonged to Private Michael Carr, and was obtained for the Society in 1909 by Colonel Philip H. Fall, of Houston, Texas, at that time the Commander of the Dick Dowling Camp.

NEW MARKET CROSS OF HONOR

A twelve pointed variation of the cross pattée resting on a wreath, in the centre a circular medallion bearing the seal of the State of Virginia. The four arms of the cross inscribed V·M·I·CADET BATTALION NEW MARKET MAY 15, 1864. The reverse is a smooth surface on which is stamped V·M·I·ALUMNI ASS'N. To leaving blank space for the name of the recipient. The cross is suspended by two chains, of three links each, from an ornamental clasp, inscribed for VALOR. Bronze. Size 40mm, exclusive of clasp.

One of the oldest and most famous institutions of learning in the Southern states is the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington, Virginia, which was founded in 1839. At the beginning of the Civil War the distinguished Confederate "Stonewall" Jackson was a member of the faculty. Among its graduates were five major generals, nineteen brigadier generals and over five hundred officers who served in the

Confederate Army.

To carry out a scheme of coöperation with the Army of the Potomac, General Franz Sigel, with about eight thousand troops, started up the Shenandoah Valley, on the first of May, 1864, intending to march to Staunton, at the head of the valley, cross the Blue Ridge from there to Charlottesville, and continue further operations as circumstances might direct.

At New Market, about fifty miles from Winchester, he was met on May 15th by the Confederate General John C. Breckinridge, with a somewhat smaller force, and decisively defeated, being driven back about thirty miles, with a loss of seven hundred men, six guns and

considerable other supplies.

General Breckenridge's force had been hastily gathered, and, with the permission of the Governor of Virginia, the Cadet Battalion of the Virginia Military Institute, consisting of two hundred and ninety-four boys, from fifteen to eighteen years of age, volunteered. The services of two hundred and fifty were accepted, the remainder being either left on guard at the Institute or sick in the hospital. They behaved with great courage during the battle, about one-quarter of their number being killed or wounded.

Forty years later the Alumni Association of the Virginia Military Institute, presented a bronze cross to each survivor of the two hundred and ninety-four Cadets, and to the families of those no longer living.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR

Bronze cross pattée, bearing in the centre a laurel wreath encircling the inscription in four lines, DEO VINDICE 1861 1865. The four arms of the cross inscribed SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR

Reverse. In the centre a similar wreath encircling the Confederate battle flag, the four arms of the cross inscribed UNITED DAUGHTERS CONFEDERACY TO THE U. C. V. Suspended from a plain bar, on which the

name of the recipient may be engraved.

At a meeting of the Athens (Georgia) Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy held late in the summer of 1898, the following resolutions were presented by Mrs. Mary Cobb Erwin, and were enthusiastically received and adopted:

Whereas, It has been the custom of every civilized nation to bestow upon its members of the Army and Navy, and such others as peculiarly deserve it, medals and crosses of honor, such as the Victoria Cross of England, the Iron Cross of Germany, and the Cross of the Legion of Honor of France, and medals and crosses bestowed by the United States Government; and

news of our clubs

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured at the May meeting was a very interesting presentation by Duane McSmith (Past President of VNA) on "Women on Coins" illustrated with color slides. July was auction time, with a varied assortment of coins that brought active bidding to please the owners and buyers alike.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

May and June meetings included talks by Jim Boyle on "Coins of Curope" and by John Balchunis on "Lithuanian Coins". These were interesting and informative to all who attended. Members are reminded to plan to be at the annual Beach Party in July at Ocean View. The regular meeting will be addressed by Fed Ruben on "Reading Greek and Roman Coins".

ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Presentations of programs on his trip to Israel by Morton Ronick, Rules and Regulations of the Hobby Protection Act by Larry Miller and an excellent movie "The History of the State of Israel Through Its' Coinage" pleased the Club members meeting at the Norfolk Jewish Community Center.

SALEM COIN CLUB

Members were pleased with the results of the Coîn Show and are planning the summer programs and activities, including an auction.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

All members are urged to come to the meetings for the fellowship and to join in the auctions to be held this spring and summer. The Club will join with the Rockingham Coin Club as a co-host for the VNA Convention at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn at Staunton in September.

ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

The Club has been enjoying VNA slide programs, coin quizzes with many questions from the Red Book, a coin auction and refreshments at the recent meetings.

Plans are underway for the Club's Annual Coin Show to be held September 6 & 7, 1975, at Belle Meade Restaurant, U.S. 11 South, Harrisonburg. For further information about the Show, write Philip H. Sharpe, 208 Governors Lane, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801.

The Rockingham Coin Club and The Shenandoah Valley Coin Club will be the co-hosts for the VNA Annual Convention to be held at The Ingleside, U.S. 11 North, Staunton, Virginia, September 26, 27 and 28, 1975. For further information, write to George E. Miller, The Coin Shop, 85 E. Elizabeth Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801.

WINCHESTER COIN CLUB

Club members are making plans for the Coin Show to be held at the National Guard Armory, Winchester, Virginia, on October 25 and 26, 1975. Bourse tables and exhibits will be featured at the Show.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The coin clubs of the Washington area will join together and present the Annual Coin Show at the Sheraton Motor Inn, 8500 Annapolis Road, New Carrollton, Maryland, at Exit 30W of the Capital Beltway I-495, on July 11, 12 and 13, 1975. For information write Joe Clark, 22 Darwin Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20012.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Coin Club in downtown Washington will not have any meetings during the summer months of July and August. Recent meetings were livened by talks on "The Recent Coinage of Mexico" by Sr. Enrique B. Flores, Counselor at the Mexican Embassy in Washington and by Juniors Night, with a salute to the young numismatists. The Club voted to support the candidacy of Eldridge Jones for a Governor of the ANA.

SHENANDOAH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Annual Coin Show held at The George Washington Hotel in Winchester on May 24 and 25 was most successful. There were 18 dealers in attendance, from New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and all of them reported doing a brisk business. Guests visiting the show registered, and a tally showed that they came from seven states. Exhibit awards were presented to C.R. Coleman for Coins of Bible Days, to S.R. Foster for U.S. Currency and to W.P. Massey, Jr., for Copper and Silver Coins of the United States. The Society plans to hold its annual coin show again in May of 1976, the exact dates to be announced early in the new year.

FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

Dealers and visitors to the coin show in the Community Center in the City of Fredericksburg seemed to think that the show was a good one, with bourse tables, exhibits, door prizes and buyers as well as lookers.

MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

More than 700 members and guests attended the Maryland State Numismatic Association's third annual convention June 7 and 8, held at the Hilton Inn at Pikesville. MSNA is among the nation's newest state organizations, having been established three years ago by a group of six numismatists under the leadership of founding president John B. Henry.

MSNA is dedicated to bringing together the collectors and local coin clubs of Maryland. Twenty clubs are now active in the state organization. Serving as president of MSNA is founder-member Henry K. Westphal of

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Annapolis, who welcomed the registrants to the gathering.

Serving as host club for the convention was the Baltimore Coin Club, which was well represented.

The convention bourse boasted 57 dealers from Maryland and all parts of the East. A highlight of the show was the exhibit area, which offered a variety of exhibits of U.S. and world material. Exhibit awards were presented at the annual awards breakfast on Sunday morning.

BRNA MUSEUM OPENS IN CAMDEN

A dream was realized by members of the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association on June 21, when ribbon cutting ceremonies opened the New BRNA Museum at Camden, S.C.

More than 5,000 collectors found their way into Camden, by airplane, car and chartered bus, to attend the three-day coin show and to be present at the 10 A.M. ribbon cutting.

Paul E. Garland, whom many BRNA members credit with the major effort of turning the museum into a reality, called the weekend "one we will long remember". Garland not only begged funds for the museum, but also contributed hundreds of hours of labor, as carpenter, electrician and jack-of-all-trades, to its completion, setting an example for the many others who also helped.

VNA members are reminded that we have donated \$300.00 dollars to the museum to underwrite the expense of the Virginia display case, and that we propose to collect materials for an outstanding display to be shown in the case in memory of our own Charlie Affleck. Please be sure to send your cash or numismatic materials to VNA at P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669.

BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE PNC AVAILABLE

The ARBA has announced that the 1975 official Bicentennial commemorative Philtelic-Numismatic Combination (PNC) will be available for purchase during the month of July, from The U.S. Mint in San Francisco.

This fourth in a series of annual PNC's is issued by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in cooperation with the United States Mint and the United States Postal Service. The obverse of the bronze Bicentennial medal commemorates the famous ride of Paul Revere. The first day of issue presentation envelope in Buff and Blue, the color of George Washington's uniforms, bearing the stamps and containing the medal will be postmarked Washington, D.C., July 4, 1975. The four 1975 stamps honor the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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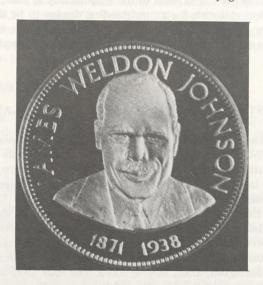
VNA MEMBER LECTURES ON JAMES WELDON JOHNSON DURING FMCS CARRIBEAN CRUISE

The following presentation was made by Lawrence K. Chavis, a life member of the Virginia Numismatic Association, on the recent Franklin Mint Collectors Society cruise to the Carribean. Mrs. James Weldon Johnson, wife of the poet, has included the remarks and an illustrated copy of the poem in her private library of Johnson memorabilia. At her request, copies were added to the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts and Letters in Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Mr. Krieg, Members and Friends of The Franklin Mint Collectors Society and the distinguished Madam President of the American Numismatic Association, I am deeply thrilled and highly honored to be privileged to speak with you, numismatically, for the second time within a period of less than two vears.

Today, I wish to call your attention to two unique medals. One commemorates The Creation of the World; the other honors and pays tribute to one who has written most poetically and creatively about The Creation.

I have selected these two medals that relate directly and indirectly to The Creation of the World, because down the long vista of time man has pondered the mysteries and marvels of The Creation of the World. Likewise, historians, poets, scientists, and theologians alike have penned their literary and scientific interpretations of The Creation on the pages of history.



OBVERSE

THE JAMES WELDON JOHNSON MEDAL

The first medal shown pays tribute to an author who has written most creatively about The Creation. The James Weldon Johnson medal is the 13th in The American Negro Commemorative Society's Series 2. It was designed and sculptured by Calvin Massey.

On the obverse is an impressive portrait of the distinguished writer. Under the portrait are the dates 1871-1938 representing James Weldon Johnson's life span.



REVERSE

Here we see the reverse of this commemorative. In the center is the lamp of knowledge supported by the hands of the great leader. Around the outer face are listed some of the areas in which Dr. Johnson distinguished himself: novelist, diplomat, lyricist, editor and historian. I wish to call special attention to two of these.

As a lyricist he is probably best known as the composer of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a song that soon became famous as the inspiring Negro National Anthem and was sung with an emotional fervor by black people, young and old, long before King's "We Shall Overcome," became the rallying song of the sixties.

As a novelist, he is the author of several books. His book, Along This Way, is considered by many as one of the outstanding autobiographies of the 20th Century. His poem, "The Creation," is a masterpiece of creative literature. I will present this work of his, in its entirety, a bit later.

I would like to call attention to one more area of achievement in his illustrious career. At the time of his accidental death in 1938, he was serving

as professor of creative literature at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee — the renowned institution that has provided excellent higher education as well as a great deal of inspiration and revelation to men and women around the world through the melodious renditions of the talented Fisk Jubilee Singers.

In a different, but no less significant medium, sculptors have etched their visions of The Creation in precious metals thereby creating masterpieces of art as reflected in the medal of The Creation as shown here.



THE MEDAL OF THE CREATION

This is the first medal in the Old Testament Series and was sculptured by an Italian master sculptor of today, Emilo Monti. The first edition was an exclusive issue for members of The Franklin Mint Collectors Society. I think it was very fitting that this series should lead off with the medal of The Creation just as the book of Genesis starts off with the story of The Creation.

As this beautiful masterpiece of art is viewed, I feel that one cannot help but be inspired and uplifted in both mind and spirit. And probably like you, I enjoy reading and viewing these works of the masters because they provide me with sources of inspiration, platforms for reflections and springboards for projections — so against this background I would like to share with you, at this time, a reading of James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation," taken from his book, God's Trombones, consisting of seven sermons in verse: (The Viking Press, Inc. 1927)

WHY COLLECT CHECKS?

by Marie Johnson

Man's instinct for collecting dates back to primitive times when the conservation of all materials was necessary for survival. In our modern civilized society this instinct has remained with us. Some of us are merely pack rats lacking the ability to discard even the most useless of objects, while at the

other end of the spectrum are the judicious collectors in a given field, such as coins, antiques, stamps, and the like in only the most pristine condition. But most of us fall somewhere in between these two extremes.

Without a doubt, collectors owe much to the pack rats responsible for the survival of so many "useless" objects until they become collectible.

When collectors get together to spin yarns of their hobbies, as they always do, inevitably one hears about objects that were discarded as junk, thrown or given away or sold for next to nothing. What might have been is always a subject for pondering.

Certainly checks, fragile in their susceptibility to moisture, insects, fire, or excessive dryness fall into the category of expendables, burned by the millions of furnaces, lost by a trip to the dump, moldering away in damp basements and destroyed by the recycling process.

Relative late-comers to being collected, some checks, fortunately, have managed to survive the ravages of time and spring cleaning in sufficient quantities and varieties to provide collectors with a new historically significant facet of numismatics, which, until recently, was ignored even by the paper money collector who could claim a close kinship with the check collector.

To begin to collect checks, while the hobby is in its relative infancy, is to begin before inflation has hit this area as it has hit so many other collectibles. It is possible, with a relatively modest outlay of money and a lot of looking, to amass a collection of checks that is historically significant and representative of all periods of our banking history. A check collection also is representative of the art of engraving with many checks having beautiful vignettes, some of which are identical to the vignettes on some of our early paper money. It is extremely difficult to find an untouched hoard of coins, a forgotten piece of furniture, or an antique car in some farmer's barn because these have mostly been found. However, to date checks have not been searched for that thoroughly and as a result can be found much more easily, often very old, and in sufficient quantity to give the collector substantial trading stock. Another advantage is their size; checks can be found in many places, such as between the pages of books, in the backs of picture frames, in old desk drawers, and in many other logical and illogical locations.

Finding them, like finding anything else, is always a challenge, but a challenge, so far, with fewer frustrations and more successes than in other areas. A collector need find only one small hoard in order to have something new to trade with other collectors. The supply and great variety is limitless—all it takes is a little perseverance and ingenuity to bring these relics to the light of day.

We wish to express our thanks to Neil Sowards and Marie Johnson for permission to use this material from "The Handbook of Check Collecting".

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



On behalf of the officers and the board of directors of the Virginia Numismatic Association, I wish to extend our formal invitation to all members to attend the 17th annual convention to be held September 26, 27 and 28 at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn, Staunton, Va.

To quote Captain John Smith, "Heaven and Earth never agreed to frame a better place for man's habitation than Virginia." I am sure that

if the Captain could visit our convention site in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley in September he would have even more glowing words to express his feelings.

As this is my last letter to you before our annual convention, I wish to thank all of the members and all the officials of the V.N.A. for the time and hard work they have put forward to advance numismatics here is Virginia.

Our convention this year should provide something of interest to all collectors. The bourse room will have more than fifty dealers with varied materials plus a full range of exhibits. We are pleased to note that Frank and Laurese Katen will have a three session floor and mail bid auction with many interesting and desirable items. Saturday night we will have our annual banquet with an excellent guest speaker with an interesting theme.

But best of all — come for the fellowship — see old friends and make new ones.

Elvin B. Miller President, V.N.A.

1975 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ballots for the slate of officers whose terms expire this year were sent with the special mailing for the convention materials.

Please be sure that your marked ballot is either returned at once to the Secretary-Treasurer at Roanoke, or given to him at the Convention in time for the votes to be counted prior to the Annual Meeting. All eligible members are urged to vote for the candidate of your choice.

NATIONAL SCRIPT COLLECTORS SOCIETY MEETING

The National Script Collectors Society will have their fall meeting at the Hotel Roanoke on October 11th. Interested persons are invited to attend.



TWO NEW ITEMS FROM THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

Mr. James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, designated the week of June 16-20, 1975 for the commemoration of International Women's Year in the Bureau. During the week, seminars, lectures, and films of particular interest to women were offered. The entrance to the Bureau featured a photographic display of women at work in the design and production of currency and stamps and women who are managers in the Bureau.

In addition to these on-site programs, the Bureau will produce a brochure including a removable souvenir card in honor of International Women's Year. This brochure is certain to generate considerable numismatic and philatelic interest since the souvenir card contains currency and postage stamps in its design. The Series 1886 \$1 Silver Certificate bearing the portrait of Martha Washington is featured. She is the only woman whose portrait has appeared on United States currency. Below the Certificate are engravings from three postage stamps which honored women. The first was taken from a 5ϕ issue of 1940 and honored Frances B. Willard. The center engraving is from a 3ϕ denomination issued in 1948 which commemorated 100 years of progress of American women. Those pictured on this stamp are Elizabeth Stanton, Carrie C. Catt, and Lucretia Mott. The engraving on the right was taken from a 10ϕ denomination issued in 1940 which honored Jane Addams.

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Mr. James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has announced that, in addition to providing a numismatic exhibit at the American Numismatic Association's 84th Anniversary Convention, August 19-24, 1975, in Los Angeles, California, a souvenir card complementing the event will be made available to the public.

The subject of the card is a reproduction of the engraving of the reverse of the \$1 Silver Certificate, Series 1896, designed and executed by Thomas F. Morris, Chief of the Engraving Division at the time. It complements the face printing of this class, denomination, and series which was issued as a souvenir card in 1971. The portraits of Martha and George Washington appear on the back. Martha Washington's portrait was engraved by Charles Burt in 1878 and Washington's portrait was engraved by Alfred Sealey in 1867.

Martha Washington is being honored during this 1975 International Women's Year. She is the only woman whose portrait has ever appeared on United States currency.

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1976 ANA MEDAL DESIGN CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Have you ever designed a medal, or even thought of doing so? Here is a chance for you to do one, and to win \$500 if your design is selected for the obverse or the reverse of the 1976 American Numismatic Association Convention Medal.

The ANA will be holding its 85th Anniversary Convention August 24-29, 1976, in the Americana Hotel in New York City. In this, the bicentennial year of our nation, it is fitting that the local sponsoring committee for the convention promote New York's involvement in our early history. It is no less fitting that the medals and badges will be struck to commemorate the 1976 convention incorporate the bicentennial theme and celebration.

Specific rules governing the design contest are simple and easy to follow. Your design, be it for the obverse or the reverse, should include such basic information as the fact that New York City is the site of the convention, and that it is the 85th Anniversary Convention of the American Numismatic Association. Dates of the convention, August 24-29, 1976, should also be included. It's as simple as that. You need only to develop a design which incorporates New York and our Bicentennial. And, if you are so inclined, you may submit designs for both sides of the medal, and perhaps win the award for both!

There is no limit on the number of entries you may submit, and no entry fee is required. You must, however, be an ANA member. The winning designs will be selected by several of the most prominent and well respected sculptors and medalists in the world. All entries will become the property of the ANA and none will be returned. Entries must be received no later than October 31, 1975, in order to be considered. It is expected that some thousands of the badges will be struck, in various metals.

All entries must be submitted on official entry forms which are now available from ANA headquarters. For complete details on the competition and a packet containing all rules and entry for, write:

ANA Medal Design Competition P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901

VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

Be sure to check your mail for the special envelope of convention materials that was sent to each member - Enclosed are details for the 17th Annual Convention to be held at The Ingleside Red Carpet Inn, near Staunton, Virginia, on September 26, 27 and 28. The show chairman, his committee, the officers and board members and our two host clubs have scheduled a show and convention well worth your attendance. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the Valley of Virginia in the fall.

EXHIBITS

Get in touch early with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits - don't be just a looker-on, fix up an exhibit for your interest and show the rest of us how a good exhibit should be put together. It takes work, but it is a lot of fun, too. Attractive plaques will be presented to winners of the Best of Show, Charles Affleck Award, seven "Outstanding" awards for the next 7 top exhibits, and a Junior Award for the best exhibit by a junior, 16 or under. There should be plenty of space in the exhibit area, so let's try to fill it up.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

We hope that members, clubs and dealers will take advantage of the opportunity to run an advertisement in the Convention Program.

BOURSE

Remember, there is no charge for admission to the Bourse area, and there is plenty of room for tables to display a wide range of numismatic items for every collecting specialty. For information on tables, write Raymond G. Haymaker, RFD 1, Box 322, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422. There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or exhibits, however, guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at The Ingleside Red Carpet Inn, Staunton, Virginia, on Saturday, September 27, at a time and place to be announced. The election of officers and other items on the agenda will be considered.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

All member clubs are requested to appoint a club representative to attend the breakfast and meeting on Sunday morning. These meetings are an important place to exchange ideas on how to help clubs to function better and to tell others how your club operates. This is one of the more important functions of a statewide meeting, to exchange ideas and see how the other folks are doing. Arrange for your tickets early.

ITEMS FOR SALE

There will be a table next to the registration desk with VNA membership pins, Charlie Affleck's books on "The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" and Douglas Ball's "Confederate Interim Depository Receipts & Funding Certificates Issued in the Commonwealth of Virginia" for sale to those attending the convention. Clubs will find that these books will make excellent presents for local libraries.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The special mailing contained information on the accommodations, prices, and facilities available at The Ingleside Red Carpet Inn. We suggest that you make your room reservation early, in addition to our members and guests, there are a lot of travelers going through the Valley of Virginia in the fall. They tell us that they have an excellent golf course with reasonable greens fees, several swimming pools, a fine dining room, and other conveniences for those staying there.

AUCTION

There will be three sessions to the exciting auction presented by Frank and Laurese Katen, two on Friday and the final one on Saturday. They promise us an excellent selection of coins, paper money, books and auction catalogs featuring numismatic materials, as well as some of the items from the collection of our own Charlie Affleck. Be sure to send in two dollars for the catalog and prices realized to: Frank and Laurese Katen, P.O. Box 4047, Colesville Station, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904.

"RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

Don't forget that on Saturday night, following the banquet, the "Rag-Pickers" will assemble for their annual conference and discussion period. Time and place will be announced. All paper money collectors are invited.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet will be held Saturday night, following the social hour. This is always the highlight of the Convention. Following the excellent dinner the Inn has arranged for us, will be the installation of officers for their new terms, presentation of awards, the awarding of plaques for the exhibits, and our featured speaker, Mr. Alan Albright, Underwater Archeologist at the University of South Carolina. We suggest that you arrange for your dinner tickets when you register. The dinner is scheduled to start at 8 PM this year.

Remember, we only have an opportunity once a year to meet with our friends from all over Virginia, and from many of the other States in the East, in connection with our fine hobby of numismatics. Don't miss it!

OUR DINNER SPEAKER

We are very fortunate to have been able to secure for our dinner speaker Mr. Alan B. Albright, Underwater Archeologist at the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology of the University of South Carolina.

He has a wide range of experience in the field of underwater archeology and worked for many years with the Smithsonian Institution, before coming to the University.

A specialist in the field of underwater photography, Mr. Albright will share with us some of his experiences and will show some beautiful color slides he has made from pictures taken in various areas, and tell how numismatics fits in with this interesting work.

SATURDAY TOURS

Arrangements have been made for a tour on Saturday afternoon for members, guests and visitors to the Convention, starting right after lunch. To be included on the tour is a visit to the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson in Staunton; the home of the 28th President of the United States and the eighth President born in the state of Virginia; and a trip to the home of the Virginia Metal Crafters in Waynesboro. It is requested that all persons interested in the trip sign up when registering or as soon as possible.

BRNA MUSEUM DISPLAY

We want to again bring to the attention of the membership the request of the Board of Directors for donations of numismatic material to be shown in the Virginia case in the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Museum in Camden, S.C. This display will be dedicated as a memorial to our own Charles Affleck, V.N.A. Life Member Number 1.

If you will, bring your donation of numismatic material, books, duplicates or cash to the Annual Convention, and give it to the Secretary-Treasurer. All materials will be acknowledged. According to your wishes, the names of donors will be published or kept anonymous.

Charlie Affleck was a friend and supporter of all of us that were interested in preserving the history of Virginia and our beloved Southland. This is an opportunity to keep his work and memory alive and ongoing Please help.

Calendar of Coin Shows

Club	Location	Date
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 6 - 7
Culpeper Coin Club	Holiday Inn, 29 South Culpeper	Sept. 13 - 14
Virginia Numismatic Association	Ingleside Red Carpet Inn Staunton	Sept. 26 - 28
National Script Collectors Society	Hotel Roanoke Roanoke	Oct. 11
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Benton Convention Center Winston-Salem, N.C.	Oct. 10 - 12
Winchester Coin Club	National Guard Armory Winchester	Oct. 25 - 26
Salem Coin Club	Crossroads Mall Shopping Center, Roanoke	Nov. 15 - 16

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WAR MEDALS OF THE CONFEDERACY by Bauman L. Belden

We are endebted to Mr. Leslie A. Elam, Director, The American Numismatic Society, for his gracious permission to reproduce, several pages at a time, the article "War Medals of the Confederacy," published in The American Journal of Numismatics in 1915.

This part of the history of the Confederate States of America should be of interest to all Virginians, and VNA is pleased to be able to share it with our readers. Whereas, We, the Daughters of the Confederacy, recognizing the fact that the army and navy of the Confederate States have never had such decorations conferred upon them, consider it especially our duty and privilege to supply the deficiency; and

Whereas, Every veteran of the army and navy of the Confederate States "quitted themselves like men" in the "times that tried men's souls," and gave an exhibition of dauntless and unyielding courage in the face of overwhelming odds, such as has never been known in the history of the world, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Daughters of the Confederacy, do confer upon each and every member of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States of America a cross, to be known as "The Southern Cross of the Legion of Honor," to be handed down from one generation to another as the most priceless heritage, bought as it was, with the blood of their fathers, and though of no intrinsic value within itself, to stand as a record for all time of the memory of those men who represented all that was lofty in principle, pure in patriotism, and dauntless in courage.

Resolved, That upon those who distinguished themselves by remarkable feats of courage, the cross to be attached to a laurel leaf pin, to distinguish it as a special mark

of valor.

Resolved, That it be made a feature of Memorial Day to confer these crosses.

These resolutions were referred to the Georgia state division of the Daughters of the Confederacy and were approved in October, 1898, and referred to the main society for final adoption, which took place in November, 1899, a committee at that time being appointed to prepare a design. The cross was designed by Mrs. S. E. Gabbett, of Atlanta, Georgia, and the first presentation to Confederate veterans took place on the Confederate Memorial Day, April 26, 1900, about twenty-five hundred crosses being distributed at that time. The distribution would have been much larger had it not been that the manufacturer failed to supply the amount needed.

Since that time the Southern Cross of Honor, as it has since been called, has been bestowed upon many thousands of Confederate veterans, and it is still being given to such as are entitled to receive it. In spite of the immense number of crosses that have been distributed, it is almost impossible to obtain a specimen, so highly are they valued by

those who possess them.

The American Numismatic Society is fortunate in possessing two specimens of the Southern Cross of Honor, one of which was presented by the brother of a deceased Confederate soldier, who gave it for the reason that he wanted to place his brother's cross where it would have a permanent home, and never be passed from hand to hand, as having a value simply commercial.

During the Civil War there were many small bands of irregular

troops operating in the states west of the Mississippi.

Lossing states, in the Field Book of the Civil War, Vol. I, page 477, that three of the most noted leaders of these irregular bands were named Taylor, Anderson and Tod, and that they "gave to the bravest of their followers a silver badge, star shaped, and bearing their names."



The badge, from which the illustration was made, was, in 1865, in the possession of Mr. John Ross, former Chief of the Cherokee Indians, who was at that time residing in Philadelphia. Mr. Lossing states that it is the exact size of the original.

I have never seen any of these badges, nor any other mention of

them.

There are two small silver medals regarding which the information at hand is meagre and unsatisfactory. The first of these is mentioned in a short article on page 95 of the second volume of the American Journal of Numismatic (February, 1868), describing two medals belonging to Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, of New York.

It bears on the obverse the head of Gen. Beauregard facing left. Legend, G. T. BEAUREGARD. BRIG. GEN. C · S · A. Below, the initials of

the engraver, C. R.

Reverse. Inscription in four lines, MANASSAS 21 JULY 1861 encircled by a laurel wreath.

Size 18mm. Short die-projecting loop for suspension, reeded edge. The article states:—"The Beauregard medal, which has the original red ribbon still attached to it, was sold by a Confederate soldier in New York. It is one of a number presented by the city of New Orleans immediately after the first battle of Bull Run."

The other medal is of the same size, has a similar loop and edge, and is by the same engraver. The obverse bears the head of Jefferson Davis facing left. Legend, JEFFERSON DAVIS below, C. R.

Reverse. Legend, c s a first president. In centre, 1861, encircled by a laurel wreath.

These two medals are described and illustrated in the catalogue of the collection of Benjamin Betts (Nos. 393 and 394), sold by Lyman H. Low, January 11 and 12, 1898.

While they were undoubtedly struck either during the Civil War, or shortly after it, I doubt exceedingly if they were ever awarded to Confederate soldiers. They may have been, but I think it is more likely that they were struck as commemorative souvenirs. A little more definite light on their history would be of much interest.

A specimen of the Davis medal is in the collection of The American Numismatic Society; the Beauregard medal I have never seen.

There are a number of badges of Confederate Veteran Societies, that are of much interest, though their description would be out of place in this paper, but even with these, and including medals of reunions and anniversaries, there are but few medallic memorials left to tell us of "the lost cause."

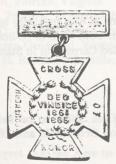




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VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Two members of the V.N.A. speakers group put on the July and August programs: John Gearhart spoke on "U.S. Trade Dollars" in July and Don Roberts spoke on "How Coins and Currency are Made, Officially and Unofficially", in August. Many members plan to attend the V.N.A. Annual Convention in Staunton next month.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Summer meetings were featured by talks by Fred Ruben on "Reading Greek and Roman Coins" and "Canadian Type Coins" by David Scholefield. The summer beach party was a treat for all who attended. Plans are being made for fall programs.

ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

The regular summer schedule of the Club is underway, except for a slight problem with a movie projector which pulled a "Coolidge" and did not choose to run. Better luck next month!

SALEM COIN CLUB

Plans are being completed for the free fall coin show to be held at the Crossroads Mall Shopping Center in Roanoke on November 15 and 16th. For tables, write the Bourse Chairman, L.W. Booth, P.O. Box 1991, Roanoke, Virginia 24009.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Summer meetings are featured by auctions at the meetings in Fishersville. The Club will join with the Rockingham Coin Club as co-host for the V.N.A. Annual Convention at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn in Staunton the last week end in September.

WINCHESTER COIN CLUB

Club members are making plans for the Coin Show to be held at the National Guard Armory, Winchester, Virginia, on October 25 and 26th. Both bourse tables and exhibits will be featured.

ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Members were pleased with the results of the Annual Coin Show held at the Roanoke Civic Center in August.

ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

The annual coin show for the Club will be held September 6 and 7th. at the Belle Meade Restaurant, U.S. 11 South, Harrisonburg. For show information, write Philip H. Sharpe, 208 Governors Lane, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801.

On June 1st the Club chartered a bus for a trip to the Smithsonian Institution. All the members greatly enjoyed the numismatic section, which featured the Lilly Gold Coin Collection and two specimens of the 1804 silver dollar. At the July meeting, Investigator Wayne Beaman of the Rockingham County Sheriffs Dept. gave an excellent talk on home security and theft protection.

The Club will join with the Shenandoah Valley Coin Club as co-hosts for the Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn at Staunton the last week end in September.

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IN MEMORIAM

We regret that we have to inform our readers of the loss by death of two valued V.N.A. members:

C. W. Wilson, Chase City, Virginia Adam D. Kramer, Lanham, Virginia

NEW WAYNESBORO MEDAL



A commemorative medallion, one and one-half inches in diameter, has been released by Waynesboro's Fall Foliage Festival as a souvenir of the 1975 festival this fall.

Prepared by Ohn, Inc., of Providence, R.I. the medal is a limited issue, with 2000 bronze specimens being offered, along with 200 matching sets of numbered silver and bronze in special presentation cases.

In addition, 25 lucite paperweights, in which a nickel and bronze version of the medal are embedded, are available.

The obverse of the medal carries the outline of the State of Virginia in which a dot within a star locates Waynesboro. A large date "1975" also appears as well as the wording "Waynesboro, Virginia . . . Fall Foliage Festival."

The reverse of the medal carries the same wording as the other side, but the illustration is a montage of four drawings symbolizing important aspects of Waynesboro's life and background. The area's history is remembered by an old artillery piece; industry is noted with a hand turning a wheel; and finally, falling leaves are a reminder of the purpose of the festival . . . colorful fall foliage.

Medal was designed by a local artist, P. Buckley Moss who has won considerable acclaim in art circles and recently was an award winner at the Virginia Beach Sidewalk Art Show and Sale.

The bronze medals, at \$2.00 each, are available at the News-Virginian; downtown branch of First and Merchants National Bank; both Waynesboro branches of First Virginia Bank (The Centre For Shopping and Hopeman Parkway); Fishersville branch of National Bank & Trust; and the downtown branch of Virginia National Bank.

The matching, numbered sets of silver and bronze, in a presentation case,

are \$25.00 per set through August 31, 1975 at which time the price will increase to \$30.00 per set.

The lucite-embedded set of nickel and bronze is \$15.00 and the very limited issue of this item makes it a collector's piece almost immediately.

The numbered sets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis, except that certain selected numbers have been set aside for an auction at a future date. Numbered sets, plus the lucite set can be secured by writing: FFF Medal, P. O. Box 1122, Waynesboro, Va. 22980. Checks should be made payable to FFF and included with orders.

Fall Foliage Festival, Waynesboro, Va.
William B. Spilman, Chairman
FFF Committee on Publicity & Marketing
the FFF 1975 Commemorative Medallion

TALES OF THE TIMES - BANKING TODAY

Several issues back, we shared with our readers the tribulations of several bank employees from a small bank of the Eastern Shore — now read an article telling of the trials of some New York City folks in an encounter with an automated teller:

Embarrassment of the times: humiliated by automated banker

This article appeared in the Newport News Daily Press

New York — Those machines that the big commercial banks are busily installing so that depositors can get money to indulge their whims at high interest after banking hours are turning out to be like almost everything else, a mixed blessing.

Take what happened to two East Siders, one night last week. They were strolling down Third Avenue after dinner, aiming for one of the single's bars, determined to make a too brief period of summer bachelorhood pay off romantically, when they passed an office of the First National City Bank.

Anticipating that he might soon be buying Dom Perignon for a couple of Valkyries from Lufthansa or Swiss Air, one of the pair, a psychoanalyst, produced his bank credit card and slid it into the slot of the money machine built into the wall of the bank.

"You can get \$100 this way," he said, sounding like Diamond Jim Brady, as he punched the buttons to begin the transaction.

There still being a certain novelty to the use of these machines, a couple of strollers stopped to watch.

The way the machine works is that after each operation — entering the account number and so on — new instructions appear in a little lighted window. A hitch developed and the psychoanalyst, a tiny bead of perspiration appearing on his head, had to start again.

"It will be all right now," he said.

This time he got right up to the last step. Then the machine showed its teeth. The words that turned up in the little lighted box were no longer endearments, instructions, not even warnings or threats, but a flat cold statement, right out of "1984."

In effect, it said that not only wasn't he going to get any money, but also that his card would not be returned to him.

The psychoanalyst then went through several clearly defined reactions. First came disbelief, characterized by goggling eyes and a gaping mouth. Then rage, with its attendant symptomology - violent flushing, elevated heartbeat, spasmodic clenching of the fists. He pounded on the machine and kicked it, but to no avail. Confusion was next, followed by apathetic resignation.

The psychoanalyst remained unfocused even after he had a couple of drinks at Maxwell's Plum, where he told a confused version of what had taken place to a young woman who may or may not have been a stewardess. She moved uneasily away.

His friend paid the check and led the psychoanalyst back to the street, hailed a cab and dropped him off at his apartment.

"It's that Adlerian quack Fafner who's doing this to me," he shouted as the cab drove off.

When the two met again a week later, the psychoanalyst seemed entirely recovered.

"I got my card back," he said. "The bank told me it was just a computer foulup." He seemed distracted for a moment.

NEW MARKET CRAFT SHOW AN EXTRA BONUS FOR CONVENTION THIS FALL

The 13th Annual Arts and Crafts Show will be held at the New Market School in New Market, Virginia, September 27th and 28th. The public is invited at the following hours: Saturday, Sept. $27-10\,$ AM to $8\,$ PM, and Sunday, Sept. 28th- Noon to $5\,$ PM. Admission will be $50\,$ cents for adults and $25\,$ cents for children.

A variety of hand crafted articles will be on display and many will be for

sale. According to the advance announcement, Mrs. Lucy Cook, of Luray, who made baskets at Williamsburg for a number of years, will be one of the local residents demonstrating her skill to the public. Many other crafts will be represented.

The trip up Route 11 from Staunton will also give visitors and guests an opportunity to stop at antique shops on the way to New Market, and brouse

or buy.

Be sure to make the last week in September a part of your vacation and come to the V.N.A. Annual Convention at The Ingleside Red Carpet Inn near Staunton on September 26, 27 and 28, 1975.

1975 NEWS BULLETIN FREE FROM SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS

WESTON, CT. - In a 16-page NEWS BULLETIN just published, The Society of Medalists reports on a wide selection of choice commemorative medals, all new or soon to be issued by a variety of organizations. Most are illustrated and interesting information about the medal's sculptors is also included.

Published annually since 1930 only for Society members, the 1975 NEWS BULLETIN is now available to all interested collectors, free upon request, Write to Mrs. Mary Louise Cram, Executive Secretary, 33 West Branch Road

Weston, Connecticut 06880.

The Society is the nation's only nonprofit art medal collectors' organization dedicated to encouraging superior American artists in the tradition of medallic sculpture and makes their work available to Society members. Membership information and a catalog of all 92 medals in the Society's collection can also be obtained without charge by writing to Mrs. Cram.



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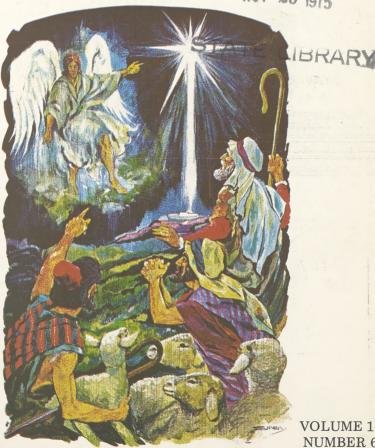
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Our 17th Annual Convention is over and from all indications, "a good time was had by all." I feel that the attendance was good, that most dealers were satisfied with their sales, and buyers were, too.

I believe everyone will agree that the facilities and the beautiful surroundings were perhaps the best yet.

I would like to thank the following people for the work they did in preparing for our convention: Elvin

Miller for the planning and for securing our excellent speaker; Ray Hay-maker for his work as bourse chairman; Jim Beard for the exhibits; Foots Byers for providing the security; our two host clubs, and all the others that helped.

I have heard nothing but good comment, and plenty of it, in regard to our banquet speaker, Mr. Alan Albright. His presentation on underwater exploration was the highlight of the convention.

Now we look to our 18th convention next year in Alexandria where we will have twice as many dealers and a million dollar auction by Jess Peters.

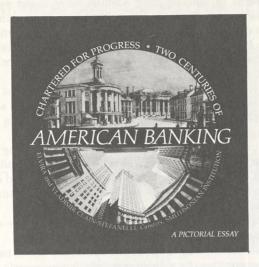
Remember if there is anything I can help you with during the time I am president, please call and I'll do my best.

George Miller President, V.N.A.

Calendar of Coin Shows

Location	Date
Vienna Community Center Vienna	Nov. 8 - 9
Crossroads Mall Shopping Center, Roanoke	Nov. 15 - 16
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200 YEARS OF AMERICA'S BANKS



A new book and a multimedia show trace the history of 200 years of American banking at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

"Chartered for Progress: Two Centuries of American Banking", a new pictorial essay by the Smithsonian's curators of numismatics, Vladimir and Elvira Clain-Stefanelli was released in September, with deliveries beginning in October. It may be ordered from Acropolis Books, 2400 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, for \$5.95 in paperback and \$15.00 in hard cover. Checks should accompany the order.

Described by one viewer as "an exhibit with interest", the bicentennial exhibit at the Smithsonian traces the history of U.S. banking from bartering in beaver pelts and tobacco to credit cards and computers. The exhibit, to be on view for several years, was funded by a grant from the American Bankers Association, which was organized 100 years ago this year.

Many people in the banking and financial world contributed their time and items from their collections to complement those taken from the vast number of pieces already in the Smithsonian's warehouses.

The human element is stressed too, since the history of banking and people and of our country are all interwoven. The chronic need for coinage and credit, so necessary for the funding of needed improvements, was a recurring problem in the Colonial era, and was important in the creation of the Revolutionary mood in the mid 1700's.

Early plans for banking in the colonies were opposed by the banking laws from England after the so-called South Sea Bubble burst.

The first bank chartered in Virginia, The Bank of Alexandria, started in 1792 and closed in 1834. A cast iron vault door from the old bank building is a part of the display. General Washington's will included 20 shares of the bank stock.

The development of banking from colonial times to the modern day is contrasted by two short films; one showing when there were no banks, checks or charge cards, the other todays computer banking methods.

Many of the items used in banks through the years are also shown, including the differences in the styles of banking structures over the years from one room banks to towering skyscrapers.

The struggle to establish a central banking structure against the fears of many that they would take over the field of finance are also shown, from the First Bank of the United States, to the National Banking System and finally the Federal Reserve System now in use.

One of the more colorful sections is that devoted to showing some of the thousands of the counterfeit paper money that were in circulation in the middle 1800's. It has been stated that probably over one third of the paper money in use then was counterfeit, and the counterfeit detector was one of the necessary tools of any banker.

Boom times and bad times are a part of the history of the country, and these are illustrated and described graphically.

Another aspect of banking that is reviewed is the art of bank robbery, which is as old as banking. As with counterfeiting, the struggle between the two sides is a continuing affair.

If you are able to visit Washington any time soon, be sure to take time to see this exhibit and pick up a copy of the book for your library.



ARE YOU A VIRGINIA PAPER MONEY COLLECTOR?

One of the wonderful things about America is that there are so many wonderful things we have to share. The operative words in that statement are: "we have to share".

Frank Hannah and other paper money enthusiasts who collect all types of fiscal materials concerning Virginia are interested in forming a group to explore further the educational and historical aspects of that phase of our hobby.

If you are interested in sharing with others in that fashion, drop a line to Don Roberts, P.O. Box 162, Hampton, Virginia 23669, and we will tell you what we hope to do. Let us have your ideas, too. Working together, we can do lots more.

REVIVAL OF \$2 BILL PLANNED FOR NEXT SPRING



Treasury officials are planning to reintroduce the two dollar bill into circulation sometime next April.

It will probably be a Federal Reserve note, with the picture of Thomas Jefferson, our nation's third president, on the face, and the engraving of the signing of the Declaration of Independence that was used on the old large size National Bank notes on the back.e.

But, as some wag said, it ain't what it used to be. In the nearly ten years since the old deuces were withdrawn from circulation, the value of a dollar has declined considerably, so the buying power of the new ones will be a lot less.

According to James Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Treasury Department agency that prints U.S. currency, about 400 million of them will be released next spring, in time for the bicentennial observance. Lately, the bureau has been printing some 1.8 billion ones annually. Hopefully, with this number of 2's in circulation, less one's will be needed, causing a saving in printing costs.

Many collectors had suggested that the new style two be issued as a United States Note, Series of 1776, not only a circulating note but as a com-

memorative for the bicentennial observance, with the picture of the signing of the declaration of independence that was used on the old large size \$100 National Bank notes issued during the 19th. century. But we are probably lucky to get any type of note at all. For some reason known but to God, the Treasury seems adamant about issuing anything that might be called a commemorative. Many of us were in Canada when they issued a special \$1 dollar note for their hundredth anniversary, that did not even have a serial number, just 1867-1967. They had no trouble with them at all—as a matter of fact I saw one in a coin shop just last night. Also, they have been using \$2 notes right along, and have just introduced a newly designed two into circulation to go with the rest of their re-designed notes.

When the new \$2 bills come out, don't tear off the corners to avoid bad luck, just rush out to bet them on a horse or spend them before they depreciate any further!

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news of our clubs

ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

The Club's Annual Show was held September 6 and 7 at the Belle Meade Restaurant, near Harrisonburg, and was enjoyed by all attending. On the 8th., the Shenandoah Valley Coin Club met with the Rockingham Coin Club at the Library. These two clubs were the host clubs for the Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn, near Staunton, the last week end in September.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Members of the Club met with the Rockingham Coin Club in Harrisonburg for the joint September meeting. These two clubs were the host clubs for the Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association, held near Staunton the last week end in September. Our thanks are extended to both Clubs for their help.

MONTICELLO COIN CLUB

New club officers for the 1975-1976 year installed at the Annual Banquet on October 17th. were: President - Douglas Seal; Vice-President - Tyron F. Bauer, Jr.; Sec-Treas - Fred C. Taylor. The semi-annual coin show was held October 18 and 19 at the Holiday Inn on 29 North. Dealers and visitors from several states were pleased with the show.

SALEM COIN CLUB

Plans were checked for fall meetings and the free fall coin show to be held at the Crossroads Mall Shopping Center in Roanoke on November 15 and 16th. New Red Books were distributed to members and raffles were held, followed by refreshments.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

At the September meeting, John Gearhart, Frank Hannah and Reed Walton all spoke on the theme of various aspects of fake coins and currency, continued from the previous month. Quite a few members attended the Virginia Numismatic Association Annual Convention in Staunton. An excellent program on The History of Israel in Coins was presented by Milton Becker at the October meeting.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Two excellent programs, United States and Foreign Gold Coins, by Russell L. Ambrose, and The Hobby Protection Act, by Larry Miller, started up the fall program season at the Larchmont Public Library in Norfolk at the September and October club meetings.

ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER.

The October meeting featured three prominent speakers: Mr. Nahum Hacohen, Mr. Morris Bram and Mr. Edward Janis, all of whom are numismatic and economic experts, at the Norfolk Jewish Community Center.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

"Your Numismatic Specialty" was the theme of the September meeting show and tell is a lot of fun. In October, a timely program on The Secret Service and Counterfeiting was presented by Special Agent Mike Steven, of the Washington Bureau of the U.S. Secret Service.

NEW VIRGINIA TAMS CLUB FORMED

Officers of the newly organized Virginia Token and Medal Society are: President - Charles S. Kagey, Vice-Pres - B.R. Rogers, Sec-Treas - William P. Mann, Publicity Chairman - James Hall. Dues will be \$2.50 per year, charter members will be accepted until the end of 1975, all members after the first of next year will be regular members. Plans are being made to meet at coin shows in various parts of the state, and to issue a news letter for those interested in the collection of medals and tokens. Interested persons should write to: William P. Mann, Sec-Treas, 484 Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

1976 PROOF SET ORDERS

Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, announced that orders for the 1976 proof sets will be accepted beginning November 3, 1975, until the Mint's production limit of these sets has been reached.

Orders for a maximum of five sets per person at a price per set of \$7.00 should be sent to: Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175, with a check or money order in payment. Do not send cash.

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The second postage stamp with coins on it was issued recently: a setenant (takes two to make a complete design) honoring Banking and Commerce, showing four coins, for the 100th anniversary of The American Bankers Association.

1975 ANNUAL CONVENTION NOTES

The photographic report of the 1975 Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association is in another part of this issue, but we wanted to tell you about some of the things that the camera might have missed.

The consensus of opinion was that this was one of the best conventions we have held, even though the rains came, and stayed, and massed up roads and plane schedules, and kept some people from getting there at all, while others were late arriving.

There was plenty of room in the convention hall for dealers, exhibits and our members and guests.

A total of 42 cases, showing a wide variety of coins, tokens, medals and currency, was displayed by 16 exhibitors.

All types of numismatic materials were on sale by the dealers in the bourse area, surrounding the exhibits.

Several tours attracted quite a few people on both Saturday and Sunday, after the sun came out and things dried out some.

The auction presented by Frank and Laurese Katen brought considerable interest from both mail and floor bids.

Ballots for the officers and directors for the coming year were counted at the annual meeting.

After the club breakfast on Sunday morning, a wide range of items of interest to club officers and directors from our member clubs was brought out and spoken on. Those present were urged to try these suggestions and let the rest of us know how they worked for their clubs.

The first lot of donated material from V.N.A. and our members was given to Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Museum Director Paul Garland for the Virginia display in the Museum. He will acknowledge all donations.

Members and guests were welcomed to the dinner by Walt Mason.

Following the excellent buffet meal, exhibit and special awards were presented by outgoing President Elvin Miller.

Exhibit awards were presented as follows:

Exhibit certificates: Lawrence Chavis, Dorothy Cook, Corbett Davis, Louis Doucet, Ray Haymaker and Don Roberts.

Outstanding Award Plaques:

Arthur Aron — Coins on Obsolete Notes

Carolyn Gearhart — Peter, the Mint Eagle

John Gearhart - U.S. Trade Dollars

Ralph Hicks - Confederate and County Notes

William Spilman — Medals

Calvin Wall, Jr. - Medals

Larry White - Canadia Coins and German Currency

Best of Show — Junior Award:

Lori Wall — Silver Dollars, Tooth Fairy

Best of Show:

Stephen Taylor — Early Series U.S. Notes

Charles J. Affleck Award — Best in Paper Money:

Howard Spain — Virginia Treasury Notes of 1861

President Elvin Miller presented special plaques to Hiram Bowers, Frank Hannah and William Hannah, for their work in connection with the Botetourt County Court House commemorative medals struck and sold by V.N.A. to raise funds to help restore the historic structure in Fincastle that had been destroyed by fire in 1970.

The last special award presented by President Elvin Miller was a plaque to Don Roberts, for Man of the Year - 1975.

George Morehead installed the new officers and board members, and presented the Past Presidents' Plaque to outgoing President Elvin Miller.

Following the installation of the new officers, new President George Miller spoke briefly.

Walt Mason introduced our dinner speaker, Mr. Alan B. Albright, Underwater Archeologist, University of South Carolina. Mr. Albright showed a number of excellent color slides showing the work done in taking materials from an old ship sunk at an island in the Caribbean, describing how the work was done to ensure the recording of all data, and how coins and other artifacts were one of the best means of dating these frozen pieces of history passed down to us from the long ago. His presentation was very much enjoyed by everyone there.

Many of us started off Sunday morning at the Club Representative Breakfast, followed by a lively discussion of club programs, problems and suggested problem solutions.

Soon it was check-out time, and many of us decided that we would get our reservations in early to be sure of space at the V.N.A. 1976 Annual Convention at Arlington next September. Better make yours early, too.























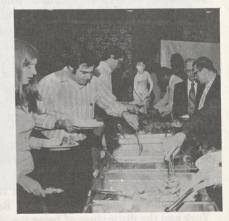
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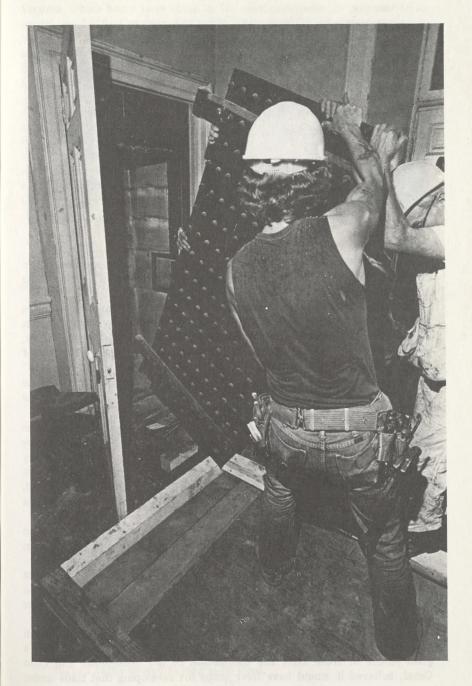
THE BANK OF ALEXANDRIA

Through the courtesy of The Washington Star, we are able to show here a picture of the old cast iron door which once sealed a vault of the Bank of Alexandria, the first bank in Virginia and one of the earliest in the nation, as it was being removed for delivery to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of History and Technology. The door weighing nearly 500 pounds will be displayed in the museum's Bicentennial exhibition, "American Banking", which opened in September.

The Bank of Alexandria opened in 1792 at 305 Cameron Street, only 12 years after the nation's first bank was established in Philadelphia. In 1807, it moved to Fairfax and Cameron Streets, remaining there until its closing in 1834.

Alexandria, while considered a Virginia city, was actually a part of the "Federal City", or District of Columbia as it is now known, during the entire life of the bank.

During the Revolutionary period the Continental Congress was a somewhat nomadic body. During 1777, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Lancaster and York had the distinction of being the seat of Congress. In 1783 the Congress





moved from Philadelphia to Princeton, New Jersey, which was soon overcrowded. While in Princeton, many sites for a "Federal town" were offered and considered.

On March 4, 1789, the First Congress of the United States convened in New York City. Many sites were again considered. During 1790, Congress again moved to Philadelphia, and stayed there for the next 10 years. Finally, a compromise was reached: The so-called Residence bill, approved in July of 1790, authorized the selection of a site "not exceeding 10 miles square" somewhere in the Potomac River region, where the permanent site of the federal government should be established. The President was to choose the site, acquire the tract, and appoint building commissioners.

Maryland and Virginia agreed to provide \$120,000 and \$72,000, respectively, for public buildings, and to cede to the Nation their jurisdiction over the area chosen for the Capital. President Washington inspected many Potomac sites, and in January 1791 he chose the area between the Potomac River and that river's so-called Eastern Branch - the Anacostia, in Maryland, and the part of Virginia containing Alexandria, all in a square ten miles on each side.

President Washington employed Andrew Ellicott to survey the boundaries of the tract, and Pierre Charles L'Enfant to lay out the new City center, which was started on the Maryland side of the Potomac.

When the seat of national government was transferred from Philadelphia to Washington in 1800, according to one source, the entire staff of Federal employees numbered about 130 clerks, with a due proportion of higher officials.

According to the same source, the town of Alexandria, disappointed in the small amount of business in Washington, looking forward hopefully to a great future in trade after the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, believed it would have freer scope for developing that trade under Virginia, which had a large stake in the canal enterprise. In response to an appeal in 1846, Congress "drowsily" acquiesed in the retrocession to Virginia of all the District of Columbia south of the Potomac. Georgetown also desired to return to its parent State, and for the same reason, but Maryland was more interested in railroad enterprises than in the canal, and Georgetown was unsuccessful in this effort.

According to the Acts of the Assembly, stock in the Bank of Alexandria could be paid for in installments, one tenth required in specie at the initial subscription and the final payment in six months; at first subscription was restricted to 50 shares, and not more than 25 in any one month. The bank was allowed to issue notes in an amount depending on the capital, and was required to present to the governor an annual report "truly stating the situation of the bank and its notes". General Washington left 20 shares of the bank stock in his will.

BOOK REVIEW

We have not seen the book, but here is an interesting book review from the pages of a recent issue of The Newport News Times Herald:

> Money: Whence It Came, Where It Went John Kenneth Galbraith. Houghton Mifflin. \$10

Here is another entertaining book about the dismal science by Prof. John Kenneth Galbraith.

As usual with this author's works, one's enjoyment of the felicitous phrase is heightened by skepticism of the ideas expressed — a pleasing combination in which one fences mentally with his iconoclastic opinions.

How was the American Revolution won? Through the hyperinflationary issue of paper money - the Continental currency which in a few years became almost totally worthless.

"By any rational calculation," says Galbraith, "it was the paper money that saved the day."

The inflationary printing presses apparently also won the French Revolution with the unlimited issue of paper assignats which became totally worthless by 1797. The revolutionary government then returned to gold and silver currency but, says Galbraith, "by then the Revolution was an accomplished fact. It had been financed, and this the assignats had accomplished."

Although Galbraith does not mention it, Napoleon, the strong man who was apparently the only leader able to raise France from the prostration in which it was wallowing by then, was a relentless goldbug who refused to issue a single note of unbacked paper money as long as he lived. In view of the apparent affinity between revolutions and inflation it is small wonder that conservatives tend to be hardmoney men. Galbraith notes that inflationary paper money "was similarly to serve the Soviets in and after the Russian Revolution."

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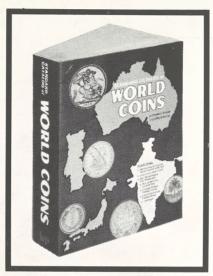
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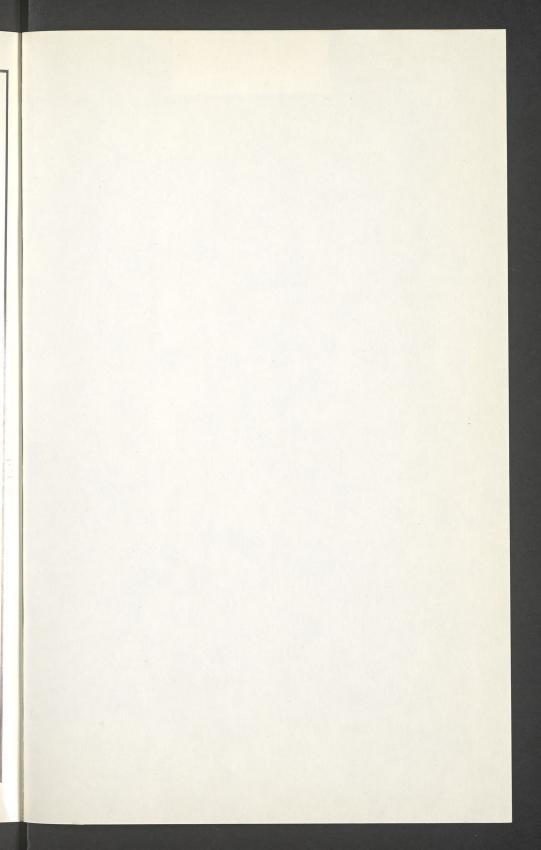
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